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Introduction to the reports about Jesus of Galilee.

Foreword

(Luke 1:01-04, Romans 1:02-04)

[L] 1 Dear Theophilus, since many people have tried to give
an account of the things which have happened among us,
2 they have written the same things that we learned from others
that saw those things from the beginning and preached the
word. 3 I too thought, after I studied everything carefully from
the beginning, your Excellency, that I should write it down for
you. Therefore, I put it in order in a book 4 so you may be sure
that the words you have been taught are true. [P] 5 God promised
the Good News in the Holy Scriptures long ago through His
prophets. 6 The Good News is about God's Son who, on the
physical side, was a descendant of David. 7 But long ago it was
planned that our Lord Jesus Christ be the Son of God with
power in a holy, divine way. How? By rising from death!

Reports about the background of Jesus of Galilee.

John's preface.

(John 1:01-05, First John 1:01-05, John 1:09-18)

1 [J] 1 The Word was in the beginning, and the Word was with God, and the Word is the essence of God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him everything was made. Without him nothing which has happened would have happened.

4 About the Word of life: He — who has existed since the beginning — was who we heard, we saw with our own eyes, we watched, and we touched with our hands. 5 That life was shown to us. We saw it. We can prove it. We are telling you about that eternal life that was with the Father. This life was shown to us. 6 Now to you also we are telling the things we have seen and heard because we want you to share with us. What we share is with God the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

7 We are writing you these things so that you may have complete joy with us. 8 This is the good news that we have heard from him and which we are now telling you: God is light; there is no darkness in God at all. 9 He was the Source of life and that life was the light for people. 10 The same light shines in the darkness; the darkness never understood it! 11 The true light was coming into the world to give light to every person.

12 He was in the world. The world was made through him, but the people of the world did not recognize him. 13 He came to

what was his, but his own people would not accept him. 14 Yet he
gave the right to become God's children to those who did accept
him, to those who believe in his name. 15 They were born, not in
a human way from the natural human desire of men, but born
of God.

16 The Word became human and lived among us. We saw his
glory, the glory of the Father's one and only son — who came
from the Father, full of help in time of need and truth. 17 John
was telling the truth about him. John cried out, "This is the man
I talked about: 'The one, who is coming after me, has been
ahead of me' — because he was alive before I was!"

18 We have all received one blessing after another from the full-
ness of his help in time of need. 19 Though the law was given
through Moses, help in time of need and truth have come through
Jesus Christ. 20 No human being has ever seen God. The divine
son, who is in the arms of the Father, has made Him known.

John announced.

(Luke 1:05-25)

[L] *(Jerusalem)* 21 During the time when Herod the Great ruled
Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He belonged
to Abijah's section. His wife came from the family of Aaron.
Her name was Elizabeth. 22 They were truly being made right
before God, doing everything which was right and everything
the Lord God commanded. They were spiritually spotless, 23 but
they had no children; Elizabeth could not have a baby. Both of
them were very old, too. 24 Zechariah was serving as a priest
before God for his priestly division of Abijah. 25 The other
priests chose him to offer the incense; so he went into the holy

place of the temple sanctuary of the Lord God. 26 There was a large group of people outside. They were praying at the time the incense was being offered.

27 Then, standing on the right side of the incense table, an angel of the Lord God appeared to him. 28 When Zechariah saw the angel, he was disturbed and overcome with fear. 29 But the angel said to him, "Zechariah, don't be afraid. Your prayer has been heard. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give birth to a son. You will name him John. 30 You will be very, very happy. Many people will rejoice because of his birth. 31 John will be a great man in the presence of the Lord God. He will never drink wine or liquor. Even at the time when he is being born, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. 32 He will help many Jewish people turn back to the Lord their God. 33 John himself will go ahead of the Lord in a powerful way, like Elijah. He will have the same forceful spirit that Elijah had. He will make peace between fathers and their children. He will bring those people who are not obeying God back to the right way that people should think. He will make ready a people for the coming of the Lord."

34 Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man, and my wife is old too." 35 The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand before God. God sent me to talk to you and to tell you this good news. 36 Now listen! You won't be able to talk until the day when these things occur. You will lose your speech because you didn't believe what I told you. Nevertheless, these things will come true in their proper time."

37 Outside, the people were still waiting for Zechariah. They were surprised that he was staying so long inside the temple sanc-

tuary. 38 Then he came outside, but he could not speak to them.
Then the people realized that he had seen a vision inside the holy
place. Zechariah couldn't speak; he could only make signs to the
people.

39 When his time of service was over, he went home. 40 Later,
Elizabeth, Zechariah's wife, became pregnant. So she didn't go
out of her house for five months. She said, 41 "Look what the
Lord God has done for me! My people were ashamed of me, but
now the Lord God has taken that shame away."

Jesus announced.

(Luke 1:26-38)

[L] *(Nazareth)* 42 During Elizabeth's sixth month of pregnancy,
the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin who lived in
Nazareth, a town in the Galilee. 43 The virgin girl was engaged to
marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name
was Mary.

44 The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord
God is with you. He has blessed you." 45 But Mary was very dis-
turbed about what the angel said. She wondered, "What does
this mean?" 46 The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary,
because God has blessed you. 47 Listen! You will become preg-
nant and give birth to a son. And you will name him Jesus. 48 He
will be great. People will call him the Son of the Highest One.
The Lord God will give him the authority of King David, his
ancestor. 49 Jesus will rule over the people of Jacob forever. His
kingdom will never end."

50 Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen? I have had
no sexual relations with any man."

51 The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon
you and the power of the Highest One will cover you. The holy
baby will be called God's Son. 52 Now listen to this: you know
that Elizabeth, your relative, is very old but she is already preg-
nant with a son. The woman who could not have a baby has
been pregnant for six months! 53 With God, nothing is impossi-
ble!"

54 Mary said, "I am the slave girl of the Lord God. Let what
you said happen to me!" Then the angel went away.

Mary and Elizabeth.

(Luke 1:39-56)

[L] *(hill country of Judea)* 55 Mary got up and went quickly to a
town in the hill country of Judea. 56 She went into Zechariah's
house and greeted Elizabeth. 57 When Elizabeth heard Mary's
greeting, the unborn baby kicked inside Elizabeth's body and she
was filled with the Holy Spirit. 58 Then Elizabeth said with a loud
voice, "Mary, you have been blessed more than any other woman.

The baby to which you will give birth has also been blessed.
59 You are the mother of my Lord, and you have come to me!
How could something this good happen to me? 60 When I heard
your voice, the baby inside me jumped for joy. 61 You are blessed,
because you believed that what the Lord God said to you would
actually take place."

62 Then Mary said, "My life praises the Lord God; 63 my
heart is happy because God is my Savior. 64 Though I am not
important, God has looked upon me, His slave girl. Listen!
From now on, all generations will be happy for me 65 because the
Powerful One has done great things for me! His name is holy.

66 God will always give His mercy to those who worship Him.
67 His arm is strong. He scatters those who are proud and boastful. 68 He pulls men down from their thrones and He raises up the humble. 69 He fills hungry people with good things, but He sends rich, selfish people away with nothing. 70 He has always helped His people who served Him. He always gave them His mercy. 71 It was just as God said to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his children forever."

72 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months; then Mary returned home.

Birth of John.

(Luke 1:57-80)

[L] *(hill country of Judea)* 73 When it was time for Elizabeth to give birth, she had a son. 74 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord God had been very good to her. They rejoiced with her.

75 Eight days later they came to circumcise the child. They wanted to name him Zechariah because this was his father's name. 76 But his mother said, "No! He will be called John instead." 77 The people said to Elizabeth, "But no one in your family is named John!" 78 Then they began to make signs to his father, asking, "What would you like to name him?"
79 Zechariah asked for something to write on. Then he wrote, "His name is John." All of the people were surprised.

80 Then Zechariah could talk again. He began to praise God.
81 All of their neighbors became afraid. Throughout the hill country of Judea, people continued to talk about all these events. 82 All of the people who heard about these things wondered about them. They thought, "What will this little child

become when he grows up?" The people could see that the Lord God's hand was with this child.

83 Then Zechariah, John's father, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He told them what was going to take place: 84 "Praise the Lord God of Israel. He watches over His people and He has given them freedom. 85 He has given us a powerful Savior from the family of David, His special Servant. 86 God's holy prophets who lived long ago said that He would do this. 87 He will save us from our enemies and from the power of all those who hate us. 88 God said that He would give mercy to our fathers and remember His holy promise. 89 God vowed to Abraham, our ancestor, 90 that He would rescue us from the control of our enemies so that we could serve Him without being afraid. 91 We will be holy and being made right before God as long as we live.

92 "Now you, little boy, will be called a prophet of the Highest One. You will go ahead of the Lord to make His ways ready. 93 You will make His people know that they can be saved, through the forgiveness of their sins. 94 With the loving mercy of our God, a new day from heaven will shine upon us. 95 God will help those people who don't understand, people who dread death. He will lead us in the way which goes toward peace."

96 And so the little boy was growing up and becoming stronger in spirit. John lived in the desert, away from other people, until the time when he came out to preach to Israel.

Birth of Jesus.

(Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:01-07)

2 [M] *(Bethlehem)* 1 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ occurred: Mary, the mother of Jesus, was engaged to be

married to Joseph but before they were married, it was discovered that she was pregnant (by the Holy Spirit)! 2 However,
Joseph, her husband-to-be, was a fair man; he did not want to
disgrace her. So he decided to quietly call off the marriage.

3 He was thinking deeply upon these things when an angel
of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary to be your wife. The
baby inside her comes from the Holy Spirit. 4 She will give birth
to a son. You will name him Jesus, because he will save his people
from their sins.

5 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord spoke about
through the prophet: 6 'Listen! The virgin will become pregnant
and give birth to a son. They will name him Emmanuel (which
means, God is with us).'" 7 When Joseph woke up from sleeping,
he did as the angel of the Lord had ordered him to do; he took
Mary to be his wife. 8 He did not have sexual relations with her
until she gave birth to the boy. Joseph named him Jesus.

[L] 9 About that time, Augustus Caesar sent out an order to
everyone in the empire that everyone must register. 10 This was
the first registration. It occurred while Quirinius was governor
of Syria. 11 Each person traveled to be registered in the town
where he was born.

12 So Joseph left Nazareth, a town in the Galilee. He went to
the town of Bethlehem in Judea. This was known as David's
town. Joseph went there because he was from the family of
David — a direct descendant. 13 Joseph registered with Mary
because she was engaged to marry him. (Mary was expecting a
child.) 14 While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary

to have the baby. 15 She gave birth to her first son and wrapped
him with cloths. There were no rooms left in the inn. So she laid
the baby in a box where cattle are fed.

Shepherds and angels.

(Luke 2:08-20)

[L] *(near Bethlehem)* 16 Some shepherds were in the fields there,
watching their flock of sheep that night. 17 An angel of the Lord
God stood in front of the shepherds. The glory of the Lord
shined around them. They were very frightened. 18 The angel
said to them, "Don't be afraid, because I am telling you good
news. It will make all the people very happy. 19 Today your Savior
was born in David's hometown. He is Messiah, the Lord. 20 This
is how you will know him: you will find a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a box where cattle are fed."

21 Suddenly a very large group of angels from heaven joined
the first angel. They were all praising God: 22 "Give glory to God
in heaven, and on earth, let there be peace among those who
please God."

23 The angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven.
The shepherds kept saying to each other, "Let us go to Bethle-
hem and see this event which has occurred which the Lord God
has revealed to us." 24 So the shepherds went quickly and found
Mary and Joseph.

The baby was lying in the feeding box. 25 The shepherds saw
the baby. Then they revealed what the angels had said about this
child. 26 Everyone was amazed when they heard what the shep-
herds told them. 27 Mary was keeping all these things in her
heart; she continued to think about them. 28 The shepherds

went back, singing to God and praising Him for everything they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.

Mary and Joseph dedicate Jesus.

(Luke 2:21-40)

[L] *(Jerusalem)* 29 When the baby was eight days old, he was circumcised. Then he was named Jesus. (This name was given by the angel before the baby began to grow inside Mary's womb.)

30 The time came for Mary and the baby to be made pure, according to the law of Moses. Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to Jerusalem so that they could present him to the Lord God. 31 It is written in the law of the Lord: "When the first male in every family is born, he will be called 'holy for the Lord God.'" 32 The law of the Lord also says that the people must give a sacrifice: "You must sacrifice two young doves or two young pigeons."

33 A man named Simeon lived in Jerusalem. He was a good man and very devout. Simeon was waiting for the time when God would comfort Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him. 34 The Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that Simeon would not die before he saw the Lord's Messiah. 35 The Spirit led Simeon to the temple. The parents of the child went to the temple to do what the Jewish law said that they must do about the child. 36 Simeon held the baby in his arms and thanked God: 37 "Now, Master, You can let me, Your slave, die in peace, just as You said. 38 I have seen Your safety from danger with my own eyes. 39 You prepared him before all people everywhere. 40 He is light for all the people of the world to see and honor for Your people, Israel."

41 Jesus' mother and Joseph were surprised at what Simeon

said about him. 42 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, the baby's mother, "Many Jewish people will fall and many will rise because of this boy. He will be a proof from God which some people will not accept. 43 The things which people think in secret will be revealed. The things which will happen will slice through your heart."

44 Anna, a prophetess, was there at the temple. She was from the family of Phanuel in the Asher tribe. Anna was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage. 45 She was a widow and was 84 years old at that time. Anna was always at the temple; she never left. She worshipped God day and night by fasting and praying. 46 Anna came up to them at that same moment, thanking God. She began to talk about Jesus to everyone who was waiting for God to bring safety from danger to Jerusalem.

47 Joseph and Mary finished doing everything which the law of the Lord commanded. Then they returned home to Nazareth, their own town in the Galilee. 48 The little boy began to grow up. He became stronger and wiser. God's help in time of need was upon him.

Wise men from the east.

(Matthew 2:01-12)

[M] *(Jerusalem, Bethlehem)* 49 Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a town in Judea, during the time of King Herod the Great. Some wise men from the east traveled to Jerusalem. 50 They asked, "Where is the one who was born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and we came to worship him." 51 When King Herod heard this, he was disturbed. Everyone else in Jerusalem

was too. 52 He gathered all of the most important priests and
teachers of the law from the people and asked them where the
Messiah would be born. 53 They answered, "In the town of Beth-
lehem in Judea because this was written by the prophet Micah:
54 'And you, Bethlehem, in the region of Judea, though small
among the rulers, you are surely not the least, because a Leader
will come out from you. He will shepherd my people, Israel.'"

55 Then in secret, Herod called for the wise men. From them
he added up the exact time when the star appeared. 56 And he
sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go, search very carefully for
information about the child. When you find him, report to me
so that I too may come to worship him."

57 After they had listened to the king, they left. Suddenly the
star which they had seen in the east was leading them. It finally
stopped above the place where the child was. 58 When they saw
the star, they were most happy. 59 They went into the house and
saw the child with Mary, his mother. They bowed down to wor-
ship him. They opened their treasures and brought him gifts -
gold, perfume, and precious spices.

60 But God used a dream to warn them that they should not
return to Herod. So they returned to their country by a different
road.

Journey into Egypt.

(Matthew 2:13-23)

[M] *(Bethlehem, Egypt, Nazareth)*61 After they had gone, an angel
of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel
said, "Get up! Take the child and his mother and escape to
Egypt. Stay there until I speak to you again. Herod is about to

begin searching for the child to kill him." 62 He stayed there until Herod died, to make what the Lord God had said through the prophet come true: "I called My Son out of Egypt."

63 When Herod realized that the wise men had made a fool out of him, he was very angry. He ordered his men to kill all the little boys in and around the town of Bethlehem - the boys who were two years old or younger (the time which Herod had figured out from the wise men). 64 Then what God had said through Jeremiah the prophet came true: 65 "A sound was heard in the town of Ramah, crying and loud screaming. Rachel is crying for her children; she will not let anyone comfort her because the children are dead."

66 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream in Egypt. 67 The angel said, "Get up! Take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. The people who were trying to kill the child have died." 68 So Joseph got up. He took the child and his mother and entered the land of Israel. 69 Joseph heard that Herod Archelaus was ruling Judea instead of his father, Herod the Great. Joseph was afraid to go back there but, in a dream, God told him to leave for the region of the Galilee. 70 So he went and lived in a town called Nazareth so that what God had said through the prophets would come true: "He will be called a Nazarene."

Young Jesus in the Temple.

(Luke 2:41-52)

3 [L] *(Jerusalem)* 1 Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. 2 When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem to the feast as they

always did. 3 When the feast days were over, they were returning
home but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents
didn't know about it. 4 Joseph and Mary traveled for a whole
day. They thought that Jesus was with them in the caravan.
They began to look for him among their relatives and close
friends, 5 but Joseph and Mary didn't find Jesus. So they went
back to Jerusalem to look for him there.

6 After three days, they found him. Jesus was sitting in the
temple courtyard among the teachers, listening to them and ask-
ing them questions. 7 Everyone heard him. They were amazed at
his understanding and wise answers. 8 When Jesus' parents saw
him, they were very surprised. His mother said to him, "Son,
why did you treat us like this? Your father and I were very wor-
ried about you. We were looking everywhere for you."

9 Jesus asked them, "Why did you have to look for me? You
should have known that I must be where my Father's work is!"
10 But they did not understand the meaning of what he said to
them.

11 Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth. He
always obeyed them. His mother was still thinking about all of
these things. 12 Jesus grew taller and continued to learn more and
more. People liked him, and he pleased God.

John the baptist speaks.

(Luke 3:01-18, Mark 1:02-08, Matthew 3:01-12, John 1:06-08)

[J] *(near the Jordan River)* 13 There was a man sent from God.
His name was John. 14 This man came to give proof about the
light so that through him, everyone might believe. 15 John was
not the light; he was sent to tell the truth about the light.

[K] 16 It was like what Isaiah, the prophet, wrote: "Listen! I
am sending My messenger to go ahead of you. He will prepare
the way for you."

[L] 17 This occurred during the 15th year of the rule of
Tiberius Caesar. These men were ruling for Caesar: Pontius
Pilate ruled Judea; Herod Antipas ruled the Galilee; Philip,
Herod's brother, ruled Iturea and Trachonities; Lysanias ruled
Abilene. 18 Annas and Caiaphas were high priests at that time.

While John, Zechariah's son, was in the desert, the message
of God came to him. 19 John went through the whole area
around the Jordan River. He was preaching to the people:
"Change your hearts and be immersed for the forgiveness of
sins." 20 As the words in the book of Isaiah the prophet are writ-
ten: "There is a voice shouting in the desert: 'Prepare the Lord's
way. Make His paths straight. 21 Every valley will be filled and
every mountain and hill will be flattened. Crooked roads will
become straight and rough roads will become smooth. 22 Every-
one will see the safety from danger of God!'" [M] 23 John always
wore clothes made of camel hair. He had a leather belt around
his waist. He ate grasshoppers and wild honey. 24 People from
Jerusalem and all over the region of Judea and all the area
around the Jordan River continued coming to John. 25 They
were admitting that they had sinned. John immersed them in the
Jordan River.

26 When John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to
where he was immersing, he said to them, "You are like poi-
sonous snakes! Who told you to run away from God's punish-
ment which is coming? [L] 27 You must do the things which will

show that you have really changed your hearts. Don't start thinking this to yourselves: 'Abraham is our father.' I tell you, God could make children for Abraham from these rocks here.
28 The ax is now ready to cut down the trees. Every tree which does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into fire."

29 The people asked John, "What should we do?" 30 John answered, "If you have two shirts, share with the person who doesn't have one. If you have food, share that too." 31 Even the tax collectors came to John. They wanted to be immersed. They asked John, "Teacher, what should we do?" 32 John answered them, "Don't take more taxes from anyone than you have been ordered to take." 33 The soldiers asked John, "What about us? What should we do?" John said to them, "Don't do violence to anyone; don't accuse falsely. Be happy with the pay you receive."

34 All of the people were hoping for the Messiah to come, and they were wondering about John. They thought, "Perhaps he is the Messiah?" 35 John answered everyone, "I immerse you in water but there is one coming who is more important than I am. I am not worthy to untie his shoe. He will immerse you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. 36 He will come ready to clean the grain, separating the good grain from the straw. He will put the good part into his barn. Then he will burn the part which is not good. He will burn it with a fire which cannot be put out!"
37 John continued to preach the Good News, saying many different things to encourage the people.

John baptizes Jesus.

(Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:09-11, Mark 1:01-08)

[M] *(Jordan River)* 38 Then Jesus traveled from the Galilee to the

Jordan River where John was, so that John could immerse him
39 but John was trying to stop him. John said, "I need you to
immerse me, yet you are coming to me?"

40 Jesus answered him, "Allow this for now because this is the
proper way for us to fulfill being made right." Then John did so.

41 After Jesus was immersed, he came up from the water
immediately. Suddenly, the sky was opened for him. He saw the
Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. 42 Suddenly a
Voice came from heaven and said, "This is My son, and I give
Myself to him, for his good, expecting nothing in return. I am
very pleased with him!"

Satan tempts Jesus.

(Matthew 4:01-11, Luke 4:01-13, Mark 1:12-13)

[L] *(wild place in Judea)* 43 Jesus returned from the Jordan River.
He was full of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was leading Jesus into
the wilderness.

[M] 44 Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted
by the devil. 45 Jesus did not eat anything for 40 days and nights.
After this, Jesus was very hungry. 46 The devil came and said to
Jesus, "Since you are the Son of God, command these rocks to
become food."

47 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'A person does not live on
food alone. Instead, he lives on every word which comes from
the mouth of God.'"

48 Then the devil took Jesus into the holy city Jerusalem, and
put him on the highest point of the temple. 49 He said to Jesus,
"Since you are the Son of God, jump off! Because it is written:
'God will command His angels to take care of you.' and, 'Their

hands will catch you so that you will not hit your foot against a rock.'"

50 Jesus answered him, "But this is also written: 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

51 Suddenly, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory which was in them. 52 The devil said to Jesus, "I will give you all of these things if you will only bow down to worship me." [L] 53 The devil said to him, "I will give you all of these kingdoms and all the power and glory which is in them. It has all been given to me. I may give it to anyone I want. 54 It will all belong to you, if you will only bow down in front of me."

[M] 55 Then Jesus said to the devil, "Go away, Satan, because it is written: 'You must worship the Lord your God. Serve only Him.'" [L] 56 The devil finished tempting Jesus and went away from him to wait until a better time. [M] 57 Then the devil left Jesus. Immediately, angels came and helped him.

John confesses.

(John 1:19-34, Luke 3:23)

[J] *(near Jordan)* 58 This is the proof that John gave when the Jewish leaders from Jerusalem sent some priests and Levites to ask John this question: "Who are you?"

59 John did not refuse to answer; he spoke freely. He clearly said, "I am not the Messiah!"

60 They asked him, "Who are you? Are you Elijah?"

John said, "No, I am not Elijah."

They asked, "Are you that Prophet?"

John answered, "No." 61 Then they asked him, "Who are

you? We must give an answer to the men who sent us here. What do you say about yourself?"

62 John said, "I am 'a voice shouting in the desert: Prepare the Lord's highway', just as Isaiah the prophet said."

63 (They had been sent from the Pharisee group.) 64 They asked John, "If you are not the Messiah, Elijah, or that prophet, why are you immersing people?"

65 John answered them, "Yes, I immerse people in water, but there is another one who stands among you about whom you don't know. 66 He is the one who is preferred that comes after me. I am not worthy to untie his shoelace." 67 This happened in the town of Bethany across the Jordan River where John was immersing people.

68 The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him. He said, "Look, the Lamb of God who will take away the world's sin! 69 This is the one I was talking about: 'The man who is preferred that is coming after me has been ahead of me, because he was alive before I was.' 70 I didn't know him. Why did I come, immersing people in water? To show him to the people of Israel."

71 This is the proof that John gave: "I saw the Spirit coming down like a dove from the sky, resting on him. 72 I didn't know him, but the One who sent me to immerse people in water said to me, 'When you see the Spirit coming down and staying upon someone, this is the one who immerses in the Holy Spirit.' 73 I have seen it! I am telling you the truth. He is the Son of God!"

Jesus calls some students.

(John 1:35-51)

[J] *(near Jordan)* 74 Again on the next day, John stood there with

two of his students. 75 He looked at Jesus walking by and said,
"Look, the Lamb of God!" 76 When the two students heard John
say this, they followed Jesus.

77 Jesus turned around and saw them following him. He said
to them, "What do you want?"

They asked him, "Where do you live, Rabbi?" (This word
means 'Teacher'.)

78 Jesus said to them, "Come and see." So they went and saw
where Jesus was staying. They spent the rest of the day with him.
(It was about 16:00 hours.)

79 Andrew (Simon Peter's brother) was one of the two men
who heard John and followed Jesus. 80 The first thing that
Andrew did was to find his own brother, Simon. Andrew said to
him, "We have found the Messiah!" (This word means 'Christ'.)

81 Then Andrew led Peter to Jesus. When Jesus looked at
Peter, he said, "You are Simon, John's son. You will be called
Cephas." (Translated into Greek, this name means 'a stone'.)

82 The next day, Jesus decided to leave for the Galilee. He
found Philip and said to him, "Follow me!"

83 Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town where Andrew
and Peter came from. 84 Philip found Nathanael and told him,
"We have found the one of whom Moses wrote in the law. The
prophets wrote about him too! He is Jesus, the son of Joseph,
from Nazareth."

85 Nathanael said to him, "Is it possible for anything good to
come from Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see for yourself!"

86 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said

this about Nathanael: "Look, here is a real man of Israel! There is nothing false about him!"

87 Nathanael asked Jesus, "From where do you know me?"

Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you to come here, I saw you under that fig tree!"

88 And Nathanael answered Jesus, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the king of the people of Israel!"

89 Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under a fig tree? You will see even greater things than this. 90 I am telling you the truth: you will all see heaven open and God's angels coming down and going up from me."

Reports about the first year of the work of Jesus.

Jesus goes to a Wedding.

(John 2:01-12, Mark 1:01)

4 [K] *(Cana)* 1 This is how the Good News about Jesus Christ, God's Son, began:

[J] 2 On the third day in the town of Cana in the Galilee, there was a wedding. Jesus' mother was there. 3 Jesus and his students were invited to the wedding.

4 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine!"

5 Jesus asked her, "What do you want with me, woman? My time has not yet come."

6 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

7 There were six stone water jars sitting there. (Jewish people used them to make things ceremonially pure.) Each water jar could hold about 75 to 115 liters. 8 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water."

They filled the jars to the top.

9 Jesus said to the servants, "Now pour some of this and take it to the master of ceremonies." They did it. 10 He didn't know from where it came, but the servants who had gotten the water knew. When the master of ceremonies tasted the water which had now been changed into wine, he called for the groom. 11 He said to the groom, "Everyone serves the good wine first and,

when the people have had plenty to drink, he serves the cheaper wine. But you have reserved the good wine until now!"

12 This was the first miraculous sign which Jesus performed. It was in the town of Cana in the Galilee. Jesus revealed his glory and his students believed in him. 13 After this, Jesus, his mother, his brothers, and his students went down into the town of Capernaum. They stayed there for a few days.

Jesus clears the Temple.

(John 2:13-25)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 14 The time for the Jewish Passover was near. Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 15 He found some men in the temple courtyard selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons. The money-exchangers were also sitting there. 16 Jesus made a whip from some ropes. He forced all of them to leave the courtyard — even the cattle and the sheep. He turned the money-exchangers' tables over and scattered their coins. 17 He said to the men who were selling pigeons, "Get those things out of here! Don't turn my Father's house into a place of business." 18 His students remembered that this verse was in the Scriptures: "The fire which I feel for Your house burns within me!"

19 The Jewish leaders asked Jesus this question: "What proof do you give to show us that you have the authority to do these things?" 20 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days!" 21 Then the Jewish leaders said, "It took 46 years to build this temple — and you would build it again in three days?" 22 (Jesus was talking about his own body. 23 After Jesus was raised from death, his students remembered that he used to say this. They then believed the Scriptures and what

Jesus had said.)

24 While Jesus was in Jerusalem during the Passover Feast,
many believed in his name because they saw the miraculous signs
which he was doing. 25 Jesus was not committing himself to
them. Jesus knew what people were like. 26 He didn't need any-
one to tell him about men; he always knew what was in man.

Nicodemus visits Jesus.

(John 3:01-21)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 27 There was a man named Nicodemus. He was a
Jewish leader, one of the Pharisees. 28 This man came to Jesus at
night. Nicodemus said to him, "Rabbi, we know you are a
teacher who has come from God. No one could do these mira-
cles which you are performing if God were not with him."

29 Jesus answered him, "I am telling you the truth: if a per-
son is not born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God!"

30 Nicodemus asked him, "When a man is already old, how
can he be reborn? It is not possible for him to go inside his
mother's womb the second time and be born!"

31 Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: if a person is
not born from water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the king-
dom of God! 32 What has been born from men is human. And
what has been born from the Spirit is spiritual.

33 "Don't be surprised because I said this to you: 'You must
be born again.' 34 The wind blows wherever it wishes. You hear
the sound of it, but you don't know where it comes from or
where it is going. It is the same way with everyone who has been
born of the Spirit."

35 Nicodemus responded to Jesus, "How can these things

happen?"

36 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of the people of
Israel, and you don't know these things? 37 I am telling you the
truth: we are talking about what we know. We are telling the
truth about what we have seen. But you are not accepting our
truth.

38 "Since I am talking to you about things on earth and you
are not believing them, if I were to tell you about heavenly
things, how could you believe? 39 I am the only one who ever
came down from heaven and ever went up to heaven. 40 Moses
lifted up the brass snake in the desert. In the same way, I must be
lifted up 41 so that everyone who commits himself to me will
have eternal life." 42 God gave Himself to the people of the
world, for their good, expecting nothing in return, by giving up
His one and only Son. Every person who commits himself to
Jesus will not be destroyed. Instead, that person will have eternal
life.

43 "God did not send His Son into the world to judge it.
God sent Jesus so that the people of the world could be saved
through him. 44 The person who commits himself to Jesus is not
condemned, but the one who does not commit himself to Jesus
has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the
name of God's one and only Son. 45 This is the verdict: light has
come into the world, but people gave themselves to darkness
instead of light because the things which they were doing were
evil. 46 Everyone who does evil hates the light. He does not come
toward the light. He doesn't want his evil deeds to be exposed.
47 But the person who is living by the truth comes into the light.

He wants his actions to become clear because he did them through God."

Jesus and John baptize.
(John 3:22-36)

[J] *(Jordan Valley)* 48 After this, Jesus and his students went to the land of Judea. He stayed there with them and he was immersing some people. 49 John was immersing people in the town of Aenon (which is not far from the town of Salim) because there was plenty of water there. People continued coming to be immersed. 50 (John had not yet been thrown into prison.)

51 There was an argument between some of John's students and a Jewish man about making things pure. 52 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the man you have endorsed, who was with you on the other side of the Jordan River, look, he is immersing people too. Everyone is coming to him!"

53 John answered, "No one can receive anything if heaven has not given it to him. 54 You yourselves know that I told the truth when I said, 'I am not the Messiah!' I have been sent ahead of him. 55 The groom is the one who will get the bride. The best man is the one who stands by and listens. He is glad when he hears the groom's voice. This is my joy; it is now complete.

56 "Jesus must become more important; I will become less important. 57 The one who comes from above is greater than all things. The person who comes from the earth belongs to the earth and talks about the earth. The one who comes from heaven is the most important. 58 He tells the truth about what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his proof. 59 The person who does accept his proof confirms that God is true.

60 "God sent Jesus. Jesus speaks the words of God because
God gave him the Spirit without limit. 61 The Father has given
Himself to the Son, for his good, expecting nothing in return,
and has put everything in the Son's control. 62 The person who
commits himself to the Son has eternal life, but the person who
does not obey the Son will not see eternal life. Instead, God's
punishment stays on that person."

Jesus teaches in Samaria.

(John 4:01-42)

[J] *(Nablus)* 63 The Pharisees heard that Jesus was making more
students and immersing more people than John. 64 (Jesus was
really not the one who performed the immersion; his students
did it.) 65 When Jesus heard this, he left Judea and went back to
the Galilee.

66 Jesus needed to go through the area of Samaria. 67 He
came to a town in Samaria called Sychar. It was near the prop-
erty which Jacob had given to Joseph, his son. 68 Jacob's well was
there. Jesus was tired because of traveling so he sat down for a
while at the well. It was about noon.

69 A Samaritan woman came to get some water. Jesus said to
her, "Please, give me a drink of water." 70 (His students had gone
into town to buy some food.)

71 The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "You are a Jewish
man and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a
drink of water?" (Jewish people didn't want to associate with
Samaritans.)

72 Jesus answered her, "If you knew about God's gift and
who I really am, you would ask me to give you a drink of living

water!"

73 The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, you don't even have a
bucket and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this liv-
ing water? 74 You are not greater than Jacob, our ancestor, are
you? Jacob's flocks and herds, his sons, and Jacob himself drank
from this well. He gave it to us!"

75 Jesus answered her, "Any person who drinks this water
will become thirsty again 76 but if anyone drinks the water which
I will give him, he will never be thirsty again. The water which I
give him will become a spring inside him, welling up to eternal
life."

77 The woman said to Jesus, "My Lord, give me some of this
water so that I won't get thirsty and won't have to come back
here again and again to get water."

78 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband. Then come back
here."

79 The woman answered him, "I don't have a husband."

Jesus said to her, "So true! 80 You have had five husbands,
and the man you have now is not your husband. You spoke the
truth."

81 The woman said to him, "My Lord, I now understand
that you are a prophet. 82 Our ancestors worshipped on this
mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where
people must worship."

83 Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming
when you won't worship the Father on this mountain or in
Jerusalem. 84 You Samaritans are worshipping that which you
don't understand, but we Jews are worshipping what we know.

Deliverance from sin comes from the Jewish people. [85] But
the time is coming and has now come when the true worship-
pers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is
searching for this kind of people to worship Him. [86] God is spirit
— the people who worship God must worship Him in spirit and
in truth."

[87] The woman said to Jesus, "I know that Messiah (the one
called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will tell us about
everything."

[88] Jesus said to her, "I am the one!"

[89] Just then, Jesus' students came. They were amazed that
Jesus was talking with a woman. However, not one of them
asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

[90] Then the woman left her water bucket and went back into
town. This is what she said to the people: [91] "Come, see a man
who told me everything I've ever done. He must be the Mes-
siah!" [92] So they left town and they were coming to him.

[93] Meanwhile, Jesus' students were encouraging Jesus to eat
something. They said, "Rabbi, eat!"

[94] But Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat which you
don't know about."

[95] The students said to one another, "No one brought Jesus
anything to eat, did they?"

[96] Jesus said to them, "I must obey what God wants; He sent
me. I must finish His work. That is food for me! [97] You say,
'Four months more and then the time for harvest comes.' But,
listen, I am telling you to look up and see the fields. They are
ready for harvest now. [98] The person who gathers the harvest

receives his pay; he gathers the crops for eternal life. The person who plants and the person who gathers will be happy at the same time. 99 This saying is true: 'One person plants and another person gathers.' 100 I sent you to gather the harvest for which you have not worked. Other men worked hard; you are gaining from their work."

101 Many Samaritan people in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word. She testified, "He told me everything I ever did!" 102 When the Samaritan men came to Jesus, they were begging him to stay with them. Jesus stayed there for two days. 103 Many more people believed because of Jesus' message.

104 They said to the woman, "We believe not only because of what you said, but also because we ourselves have heard Jesus. We know that he is truly the Savior of the world!"

Jesus teaches in Galilee.

(John 4:43-45, Matthew 4:12-17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:14-15)

5 [J] *(Galilee)* 1 After two days Jesus left there to go to the Galilee.

[K] 2 After John was arrested, Jesus went to the Galilee. He was preaching the Good News about the kingdom of God: 3 "The time is ripe. The kingdom of God is very near! Change your hearts and believe in the Good News!" [J] 4 Jesus himself said that this was true: "A prophet is not accepted in his own hometown." 5 When he came to the Galilee, the people of the Galilee welcomed him. They had seen all the things he did in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival. (They also went to the feast.)

[L] 6 Jesus went back to the Galilee with the power of the

Holy Spirit. Stories about Jesus went all over the area around the
Galilee. 7 He began to teach in their houses of worship. All of the
people were praising him.

Nobleman's son.

(John 4:46-54)

[J] *(Cana)* 8 Again Jesus went to the town of Cana in the Galilee,
where he had changed the water into wine. There was a govern-
ment official there. He had a son who was sick in the town of
Capernaum. 9 This man heard that Jesus had arrived in the
Galilee from the land of Judea. The man came to Jesus and
begged him to go to his home and heal his son. (The son was
about to die.) 10 Jesus said to the man, "You people must see
proofs from God and miracles or you will never believe." 11 The
government official said to Jesus, "Lord, please go to my house
before my little boy dies!" 12 Jesus answered him, "Go, your son
lives." The man believed. He took Jesus at his word and left.
13 While the man was going home, his slaves met him. They said,
"Your child lives!" 14 Then the man began asking them questions
about the exact time when the boy got better. They answered,
"The fever left him yesterday at one o'clock in the afternoon."
15 The father knew that this was the exact time when Jesus had
said, "Your son lives!" The man and his whole family believed.
16 This was the second miracle that Jesus performed, after he
came to the Galilee from the land of Judea.

Nazareth rejects Jesus.

(Luke 4:16-30, Matthew 4:13-16)

[L] *(Nazareth)* 17 Jesus came to Nazareth, the town where he grew
up. On the Sabbath day he went into the house of worship; that

is what Jesus always did. He stood up to read. 18 The book of Isaiah the prophet was given to him. Jesus opened the scroll and found the place where this was written:

19 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me. He chose me to tell the Good News to poor people. He sent me to preach freedom to captives and to help blind people see again. He sent me to lift up broken-hearted people 20 and to announce the welcome year of the Lord God."

21 Jesus rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the keeper. Then Jesus sat down. Every person in the house of worship was watching Jesus very closely. 22 Jesus began to speak to them. He said, "While you heard me reading these words just now, the words were coming true!"

23 All of the people were saying good things about Jesus. They continued to be amazed at the beautiful words which were coming from his mouth. The people asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph?" 24 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will tell me this old saying: 'Doctor, heal yourself.' You would like to say, 'We have heard about some of the things you did in Capernaum. Do those things here in your own hometown too!'"

25 Then Jesus said, "I am telling you the truth: a prophet is not accepted in his own hometown.

26 "I am telling you the truth: during Elijah's time it did not rain in Israel for three and one half years. There was very little food anywhere in the whole country. There were many widows in Israel during that time 27 but Elijah was sent to none of those widows. He was sent only to a widow in Zarephath, a town in the land of Sidon.

28 "And there were many people with leprosy living in Israel
during the time of the prophet Elisha. However, not one of
those people was healed; the only one was Naaman. And Naa-
man was from the country of Syria, not from Israel."
29 All the people in the house of worship heard these things.
The people became very, very angry. 30 Their town was built on a
hill. They got up and forced Jesus out of town, bringing Jesus to
the edge of a cliff. They wanted to throw him over, 31 but Jesus
walked through the middle of them and went away. [M] 32 After
leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, beside Lake
Galilee, in the Zebulun and Naphtali area. 33 He did this to ful-
fill what God had said through the prophet Isaiah: 34 "Land of
Zebulun, land of Naphtali, the way to the Mediterranean Sea
along the Jordan River, the Galilee of the non-Jews. 35 The peo-
ple who live in darkness have seen a great light. The light has
dawned upon the people who live in that area; in the fear of
death."

Fish and fishermen.

(Luke 5:01-11, Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20)

[L] *(near Capernaum)* 36 Jesus stood beside Lake Gennesaret.
Many people pushed to get all around him. They wanted to hear
the message of God. 37 Jesus saw two boats at the shore of the
lake. The fishermen were washing their nets. 38 Jesus climbed
into the boat which belonged to Simon. He asked Simon to
push away from the shore a little. Then Jesus sat down and,
from the boat, continued to teach the people on the shore.
39 Jesus finished speaking. He said to Simon, "Take the boat
into the deep water. If all of you will drop your nets into the

water, you will catch some fish." 40 Simon answered, "Teacher,
we worked hard all night long trying to catch fish, but we caught
nothing. But you say I should lower the nets into the water so I
will do it." 41 The fishermen dropped their nets into the water.

They caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to
rip. 42 They called to some friends in another boat to come and
help them. The friends came and both boats were filled so full of
fish that they were almost sinking. 43 When Simon Peter saw
this, he fell down in front of Jesus and said, "Go away from me,
Lord. I am a sinful man!"

44 The fishermen were shocked because of the large number
of fish that they caught. [K] 45 Jesus said to them, "Follow me and
I will make you fishermen — of people." 46 Immediately they
left their nets and followed him.

47 Jesus went a little farther and saw Jacob and his brother,
John. They were in a boat preparing their nets. They were sons
of Zebedee. 48 Immediately Jesus invited them too. They left
their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired workers. And
they followed Jesus.

Miracles at Capernaum.

(Mark 1:21-38, Luke 4:31-43, Matthew 8:14-17)

[K] *(Capernaum)* 49 They went into the town of Capernaum. On
the Sabbath day when Jesus went into the house of worship, he
began to teach the people right away. 50 They were amazed at
what he taught. Jesus was teaching them as one with authority
— not as the teachers of the law.

51 There was a man in their house of worship with an evil
spirit. Suddenly, he shouted, 52 "Jesus of Nazareth! What do you

want with us? Did you come here to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!"

53 But Jesus stopped the evil spirit. Jesus said, "Stop talking and come out of the man!" 54 The evil spirit jerked the man around. He shouted loudly and came out of the man.

55 The people were shocked. They started asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching? With authority, Jesus commands evil spirits and they obey him." 56 And so the news about Jesus went out quickly to the whole area in the Galilee.

57 After Jesus left the house of worship, he went into Simon and Andrew's house with Jacob and John. 58 Simon's mother-in-law was very sick with a fever. They talked to Jesus about her. 59 He went to her, took her hand, and raised her up. The fever left her and she began to serve them. 60 The whole town was gathered at the door.

[M] 61 When it was late, they brought many people with demons to Jesus. With one word, he cast out the spirits. He healed all the people who were sick, 62 so that what God had said through the prophet Isaiah would come true: "He took our sicknesses and carried away our diseases." [L] 63 Demons were coming out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But Jesus wouldn't let the demons say anything more; the demons knew that Jesus was the Messiah.

[K] 64 While it was still dark the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to a place where people did not live. There he was praying to God. 65 Simon and the men with him searched for Jesus. 66 They found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." [L] 67 But Jesus said to them, "I must tell the Good

News about God's kingdom to other towns too. This is why I was sent."

[K] 68 Jesus went everywhere in the Galilee, preaching in their houses of worship and throwing out demons.

News spreads about Jesus.

(Matthew 4:23-25, Luke 4:44, Mark 1:39)

[M] *(Galilee)* 69 Jesus was going all around the Galilee, teaching the Good News of the kingdom in their houses of worship. Jesus was also healing people of all types of diseases and sicknesses. 70 The news about Jesus went all over the land of Syria. They brought him all the people who were sick. These people had all kinds of diseases; they were suffering with much pain. Some of them had demons inside them. Some were epileptics and some were paralyzed. Jesus healed them all. 71 Large crowds followed him, coming from the Galilee, from the area of the Ten Towns, from Jerusalem, from Judea, and from the area across the Jordan River.

Jesus teaches on a mountain.

(Matthew 5:01-48, Matthew 6:01-34, Matthew 7:01-29)

6 [M] *(Horns of Hattin?)* 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a hillside and sat down. His students came to him. 2 He started teaching them by saying:

3 "How blest are the people who are humble in spirit because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

4 "How blest are the people who know what sorrow means because they will be comforted.

5 "How blest are the people who are humble because the earth will be given to them.

6 "How blest are the people who are hungry and thirsty for
what is right because they will be filled.
7 "How blest are the people who give mercy to others
because they will receive mercy.
8 "How blest are the people who have pure hearts because
they will see God.
9 "How blest are the people who make peace because they
will be called the sons of God.
10 "How blest are the people who are persecuted because
they are doing right because the kingdom of heaven belongs to
them.
11 "How blest are you when people insult you, persecute you,
and tell all kinds of lies against you because of me.
12 Be full of joy and be very glad because you will have great
rewards in heaven. This was the way your ancestors persecuted
the prophets before you.
13 "You are the earth's salt, but if the salt loses its salty taste,
then it is no good. You cannot make it salty again. It is good for
nothing. It is thrown outside where people walk on it.
14 "You are light for the world. It is not possible to hide a city
which is built on a hill. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it
under a basket. Instead, the lamp is put on a table, and it shines
for everyone in the house. 16 So let your light shine for people so
that they will see the good things you do. Then they will give
glory to your Father, who is in heaven.
17 "Do not think I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I
did not come to destroy them. I have come to complete them.
18 I am telling you the truth: so long as heaven and earth stand,

not even a single dot or a comma can be changed in the law until everything is completed. 19 Anyone who disobeys even one of the smallest commands and teaches this action to others will not be important in the kingdom of heaven. But anyone who obeys and teaches the right action will be important in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, if your 'good action' is no better than that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 "You have heard that this was said to the people long ago: 'Do not murder. Anyone who commits murder will be punished.' 22 But I tell you, anyone who is angry with his brother will be condemned. Anyone who says, 'You idiot!' to his brother must answer to the Jewish Council. Anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be punished in hell fire. 23 Suppose you are bringing your gift to God at the altar. While there, you remember that your brother has something against you. 24 Leave your gift right there in front of the altar. The important thing is to go and make friends with your brother. When you come back, offer your gift to God.

25 "When someone is trying to sue you, settle things out of court quickly. Do this while you are still with him on the way to court, or he might give you to the judge. And the judge might give you to the officer and then you might be thrown into jail. 26 I am telling you the truth: you may never get out of there, until you pay the last penny of what you owe.

27 "You have heard this said: 'You must not commit unlawful sexual intercourse.' 28 But I am telling you that when any man continues looking at a woman because he wants her sexually, he

has already, in his heart, committed unlawful sexual intercourse with her.

29 "If your right eye is making you sin, take it out and throw it away! You would be better off to destroy one part of your body than to have your whole body thrown into hell. 30 Or, if your right hand is making you sin, cut it off and throw it away! You would be better off to destroy one member of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

31 "This has been said: 'A man who divorces his wife must give her divorce papers.' 32 But I am telling you, unless the reason is her unlawful sexual intercourse, any man who divorces his wife causes her to commit unlawful sexual intercourse, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits unlawful sexual intercourse, too.

33 "Again, you have heard that this was said to the people long ago: 'Do not break your vow by God; do what you promised!' 34 But I am telling you this: do not make vows by God! Don't make a vow by heaven because heaven is God's throne. 35 Don't do it by the earth because the earth is God's footstool. Don't do it by Jerusalem because that is the city of the great king. 36 Don't do it by your head because you are not able to change one hair to be white or black. 37 Your yes answer should mean 'yes' and your no answer should mean 'no'. Saying any more than this is bad.

38 "You have heard that this was said: 'An eye for an eye. A tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I am telling you this: do not fight back against evil. Instead, if a person hits you on the right side of your face, turn the other side to him also! 40 If someone wants to sue

you in order to take your shirt, let him have your coat too! 41 If someone forces you to go one mile, go two miles with him!

42 "Give to every person who asks you. When someone wants to borrow something, lend it to him. 43 You have heard that this was said: 'Give yourself to your friend, for his good, expecting nothing in return, and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say this to you: give yourself to your enemies, for their good, expecting nothing in return! Pray for those who are cruel to you 45 so that you will become sons of your Father, who is in heaven. God's sun shines upon good people and bad people. It rains upon the people who do right and upon those who do wrong. 46 If you give yourself, expecting something in return, to those who give themselves to you for their good, expecting something in return, then you are not any better than anyone else. Even tax collectors do the same thing! 47 If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing? Even people without God do the same thing! 48 You must be perfect, as your Father in heaven is.

49 "Be careful not to do your good deeds in front of people so that they will notice you. If you do that, you will not receive a reward from your Father who is in heaven. 50 When you help poor people, don't sound a trumpet before you. The hypocrites act like that in the houses of worship and on the streets so that people will praise them. I am telling you the truth: they have received their reward. 51 Instead, when you are helping poor people, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing 52 so that your action will be in secret. Your heavenly Father sees this in secret; He will repay you.

53 "And when you pray, don't be like the two-faced people.

They love to stand praying in the houses of worship and on the
street corners so that other people will see them. I am telling you
the truth: they have received their reward. 54 Instead, when you
pray, go into your private room and close the door. Then pray
secretly to your heavenly Father. He sees this in secret; He will
repay you. 55 When you pray, don't use words without thinking,
as people of the world do. They think that by saying many words
they will be listened to. 56 Don't be like them. Your heavenly
Father knows the things you need, even before you ask Him.

57 "This is the way you should pray:

'Our Father in heaven, may Your name always be kept holy.
58 May Your kingdom come. May what You want done be done
in earth as it is in heaven.

59 'Give us the food we need each day.

60 'Forgive us of the sins we have committed, as we forgive
everyone who has done wrong to us.

61 'Keep us away from temptation. Rescue us from the evil
one.

'For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for-
ever.

Amen.'

62 "If you forgive people of the things they have done wrong
to you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 63 However, if
you do not forgive people, then your Father will not forgive the
wrong things which you have done.

64 "And when you fast, do not wear a sad face as the hyp-
ocrites do. They make their faces look serious so that people will
realize that they are fasting. I am telling you the truth: they are

receiving their reward. 65 Instead, when you fast, comb your hair
and wash your face 66 so that people will not realize that you are
fasting. Your heavenly Father sees it in secret; He will repay you
openly.

67 "Do not store your treasures on the earth where moths
and rust destroy and where robbers dig through to steal.
68 Instead, store your treasures in heaven where moths and rust
cannot destroy and where robbers cannot dig through to steal.
69 The place where your treasure is, is also the place where your
heart is.

70 "Your eye is like a lamp for the body. If your eye can see
clearly, then the whole body is made bright. 71 But if your eye is
dark with sin, then your whole body is made dark. If the light in
you becomes dark, how great is that darkness!

72 "No slave can serve two masters at the same time. The
slave will give himself to one, for his good, expecting nothing in
return, over the other. Or, he will be more loyal to one and look
down on the other. You cannot be a slave for God and Money at
the same time. 73 Because of this, I am telling you, you should
not worry about what you will eat to stay alive. Don't worry
about what clothes you will wear. Living is more important than
eating, and the body is more important than clothes. 74 Look at
the wild birds of the sky. Birds do not plant seeds or harvest
them or gather them into barns, but your heavenly Father takes
care of them. Are you not worth much more than birds? Of
course!

75 "None of you can grow a half meter taller by worrying
about your height. 76 And why worry about clothes? Learn from

the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work hard or make
threads for clothes. 77 I tell you, even Solomon, with all his beau-
tiful clothes, was not dressed as well as one of these flowers.
78 Look how well God clothes the grass in the fields! But the
grass is here today and thrown into the oven tomorrow to be
burned. Will not God dress you much better? Oh, you have such
little faith!

79 "So, don't worry, thinking to yourself, 'What will we eat?'
or, 'What will we drink?' or, 'What will we wear?' 80 People
without God put all these things first. Your heavenly Father
knows you need all these things. 81 So put first God's kingdom
and what is right. Then all the things you need will be given to
you. 82 Don't worry about tomorrow because tomorrow will
have its own worries. There is enough trouble in just one day.

83 "Don't pass judgment on others. Then you won't be con-
demned. 84 You will be judged by the standard which you use to
judge others. You will be measured by the measure you use to
measure others. 85 Why do you see the small speck which is in
your brother's eye, but you don't notice the wooden beam
which is in your own eye? 86 Or, how can you say this to your
brother: 'Let me take that little speck out of your eye!'? When,
look, there is a wooden beam in your own eye! 87 You are a hyp-
ocrite! First, take the beam out of your own eye. Then you will
see clearly how to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

88 "Don't give what is holy to dogs. Don't throw your pearls
in front of pigs. They might walk on them, then turn and attack
you!

89 "So I tell you, continue asking, and it will be given to you.

Keep on searching and you will find. Knock, and the door will
open for you. 90 You will receive, if you will always ask. You will
find, if you continue looking. And the door will open for you, if
you continue knocking. 91 Do any of you have a son? What
would you do if your son asked you for bread? Would you give
him a rock? 92 What if he asked you for a fish? Would you give
him a snake? 93 You are evil people, and yet you know how to
give good gifts to your children. Surely your heavenly Father
knows how to give good things to those people who ask Him.

94 "Do for other people all the things which you would like
them to do for you. This is the meaning of the law and the
prophets. 95 Go through the narrow gate which leads to eternal
life. The gate is wide and the road is broad which leads to
destruction. Many people are entering through it. 96 The gate is
small which leads to life and the road is narrow. Only a few peo-
ple are finding it.

97 "Be careful of false prophets. They come to you wearing
clothes to make them look like sheep, but they are actually fierce
wolves. 98 They can be recognized by the things they produce.
Do people get grapes from thorn bushes? Do they gather figs
from thorny weeds? 99 So every tree which is a good tree pro-
duces good fruit. But a bad tree produces bad fruit. 100 It is not
possible for a good tree to yield bad fruit. A bad tree cannot yield
good fruit. 101 Every tree which does not produce good fruit is
chopped down and thrown into fire. 102 Therefore, you can rec-
ognize them by the fruit they produce.

103 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter
the kingdom of heaven. Only the person who does what my

heavenly Father wants him to do will enter it. 104 On that Day,
many people will say this to me: 'Lord! Lord! Isn't it true that we
have prophesied, using your name? And by your name, we per-
formed many miracles.' 105 But then, I will say this openly to
them: 'You people who are doing wrong, go away from me
because I never knew you!'

106 "Every person who listens to my words and obeys them is
like a wise man who built his house upon rock. 107 It rained and
the river overflowed. The winds blew hard against that house,
but the house did not fall because it was built upon rock!
108 However, every person who listens to my words and does not
obey them is like a foolish man; he built his house upon sand.
109 The rain came down and the river overflowed. The winds
blew hard against that house and it fell down. It was a terrible
fall!"

110 And when Jesus finished saying these things, the crowds
were greatly amazed at his teaching. 111 Jesus was teaching them
as one having authority, not like the teachers of the law.

Jesus heals a leper.

(Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-16, Matthew 8:01-04)

7 [K] *(an unnamed city of Galilee)*[1] A man with leprosy came
to Jesus. He bowed down and begged Jesus saying, "You
can heal me if you want to." 2 He felt sorry for him. So he
reached out and touched the man. Jesus said to the man, "I do
want to heal you — be healed!"

3 Immediately the leprosy left him; he was healed. 4 Jesus sent
him away at once. He gave him a strong warning, 5 "Don't tell
anyone about what happened, but go show yourself to the

priest. Then give a gift to God because you have been healed. This is what the law of Moses commands. This will prove to the priests that you are healed." 6 But the man went out and began to tell all about it. He spread the news so far that Jesus was no longer able to go into a town openly. Instead, Jesus stayed out in places where people did not live. From everywhere the people were coming to him.

[L] 7 But the news about Jesus was spreading more and more. Many people were coming to listen to him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 8 Often Jesus went away to other places to be alone so that he could pray.

Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

(Mark 2:01-12, Luke 5:17-26, Matthew 9:02-08)

[K] *(Capernaum)* 9 A few days later, Jesus went back to the town of Capernaum. The people heard this: "He's home!" 10 So many people gathered that there was no room — not even at the door. Jesus began preaching the word.

[L] 11 One day Jesus was teaching the people. The Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there too. They had come from every village in the Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. The Lord God was giving Jesus the power to heal people. [K] 12 There was a man who was paralyzed. Four men came there carrying him. 13 But because of the crowd, they were not able to get to Jesus. So they went up on the roof of the house where Jesus was. They dug a hole through the roof and lowered the paralyzed man through the hole, lying on his bed. 14 Jesus saw that these men had faith. He said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

15 Some of the teachers of the law were sitting there. In their
hearts they were thinking, 16 "How can this man talk like this?
He is saying an evil thing. Only God can forgive sin!" 17 Immedi-
ately Jesus knew in his spirit that they were thinking like this to
themselves. Jesus said to them, "Why are you thinking these
things in your heart? 18 Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are for-
given,' or to say, 'Stand up, pick up your bed and walk?' 19 I will
prove to you that I have the right to forgive sins on earth." So
Jesus said to the paralyzed man, 20 "I tell you, get up! Take your
bed and go home!" [L] 21 Immediately the man got up in front of
all of them. He took his bed and went home, praising God. 22 All
of the people were completely amazed. They began to praise
God. They were filled with awe. They said, "Today we have seen
amazing things!"

Jesus calls Matthew.

(Mark 2:13-17, Luke 5:27-32, Matthew 9:09-13)

[K] *(Capernaum)* 23 Jesus went back again to Lake Galilee. All the
people were coming to him and he was teaching them.

[M] 24 Jesus got into a boat and went back across the lake. He
came to his own town. [L] 25 Then Levi, in his own home, gave a
big feast in honor of Jesus. At the table there were many tax col-
lectors and some other people.

[K] 26 Some of the Pharisees' teachers of the law saw that Jesus
was eating with sinful people and tax collectors. These teachers
continued to ask Jesus' students, "Why does Jesus eat with tax
collectors and sinful people?" 27 When Jesus heard about this, he
said to them, "Healthy people don't need the doctor, but sick
people do. I didn't come to invite 'good' people — but sinners

to change their hearts!" [M] 28 Go and learn what this means: 'I want mercy more than I want animal sacrifices.' I came to invite sinners to change their hearts, not people made 'right'."

New wine.

(Mark 2:18-22, Luke 5:33-39, Matthew 9:14-17)

[K] *(Capernaum)* 29 The students of John and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and said to Jesus, "Why do John's students and the students of the Pharisees fast, but your students do not fast?"

30 Jesus said to them, "Would it be right for the friends of the groom to fast while the groom is still with them? As long as they have the groom with them, they cannot fast. 31 But the time will come when the groom will be taken away from them. Then his friends will fast.

32 "No one sews a piece of cloth, which has never been washed, onto an old robe. If he does, it will shrink and tear away from the robe. Then the hole will become worse. 33 No one puts new wine into old wine skins. If they do, the old wine skins will break open. The wine will spill out and the wine skins will be ruined. Instead, people put new wine into new wine skins." [L] 34 No one who drinks old wine wants new wine because he says, 'The old is better.'"

Jairus.

(Mark 5:22-43, Luke 8:40-56, Matthew 9:18-26)

[K] *(Capernaum)* 35 A man named Jairus came too. He was one of the rulers of the house of worship. When Jairus saw Jesus, he fell down at Jesus' feet, 36 asking many times. He said, "My little girl is dying. Please come and put your hand on her so that she will

be all right and live!" [M] 37 Jesus stood up and started to follow
him. Jesus' students did too. [L] 38 Jairus had only one daughter.
She was twelve years old, and she was dying. While Jesus was
going to Jairus' house, the crowds were pressing in upon him. [L]
39 There was a woman who had a sore which had been bleeding
for twelve years. 40 She had suffered much. Many doctors had
tried to help her. She had spent all the money she had but she
was not getting any better — only worse. 41 She had heard things
about Jesus. So she went behind Jesus in the crowd and touched
his robe. 42 She was thinking this: "If I can touch his clothes, I
will be made well!" 43 Immediately the source of her bleeding
was dried up. In her body she felt that she had been healed of the
disease.

44 At once Jesus knew within himself that power had left
him. He turned to the crowd and said, "Who touched my
clothes?" 45 Jesus' students said to him, "You see the crowd. The
people are pressing up against you. Yet you say, 'Who touched
me?'" 46 But Jesus continued to look around to see who had
done this. 47 The woman was afraid; she was trembling. She
knew what had happened to her. She came and bowed down to
Jesus. Then she told him the whole truth. 48 Jesus said to her,
"Dear woman, you are made well, because you believed. Go in
peace. Be healed from your disease!"

49 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the
house of the worship ruler. They said, "Your daughter has died!
Why bother the Teacher anymore?" 50 When Jesus heard this
message, he said to the ruler of the house of worship, "Don't be
afraid! Just believe!" 51 Jesus did not allow anyone to go with him

— only Peter, Jacob, and John (Jacob and John were brothers.)
52 They went into the ruler's house. Jesus saw that there was confusion. Many people were crying loudly and showing great sadness.

53 Jesus went and said to them, "Why are you making so much noise and crying? The child is not dead; she is only sleeping." 54 They laughed at Jesus. After he made them all leave, Jesus took the child's father and mother along and those who were with Jesus. He went into the room where the child was.
55 Jesus held the child's hand and said to her, "Talitha, koum!" (This means "My little lamb, I tell you, get up!" in Aramaic).
56 Immediately the little girl stood up and began walking around. (She was twelve years old.) They were shocked. 57 Jesus gave them many strong warnings: "Don't make this known to anyone!" Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

Jesus heals two blind men.

(Matthew 9:27-34)

[M] *(Capernaum)* 58 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him. They were shouting, "Son of David! Please help us!" 59 After Jesus had gone into a house, the blind men came to him. Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I can do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." 60 Then Jesus touched their eyes. He said, "May this happen to you because you believed!" 61 And their eyes were opened. Jesus warned them, "Don't tell anyone about this!" 62 But they went out and spread the news about him all over that whole area.

63 While they were leaving the house, a man was brought to Jesus. The man could not talk. He had a demon in him. 64 After

the demon had been thrown out, the man who had not been
able to talk began to talk. The crowds were amazed. They said,
"No one has ever seen anything like this happen in Israel!"
65 However, the Pharisees continued to say, "Jesus makes
demons go away by using the power of the ruler of the demons!"

Jesus goes to a festival.

(John 5:01–18)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 66 Later there was another Jewish festival. Jesus
went up to Jerusalem. 67 Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there
is a pool that is called Bethesda in Aramaic. It has five porches.
68 A crowd of people used to lie around among the porches.
Some of them were sick, blind, lame, or crippled. 69 An angel
went down at a certain time and stirs the water: whoever was the
first to step into the water then was made well of whatever dis-
ease he had. 70 One man had been there as an invalid for 38 years.

71 When Jesus saw the man lying there, he knew that the
man had been there a long time. Jesus asked him, "Do you want
to be well?"

72 The sick man answered Jesus, "Sir, I don't have anyone to
put me into the pool when the water stirs. While I am going,
someone else goes ahead of me."

73 Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your small bed and
walk!" 74 Immediately the man got well. He picked up his bed
and began walking around. (This happened on a Sabbath day.)

75 The Jewish leaders were saying to the man who had been
healed, "It is the Sabbath day! It is not right for you to carry your
bed."

76 The man answered them, "The one who made me well

told me to pick up my bed and walk."

77 They asked him, "Who is the man who told you to pick
up your bed and walk?" 78 The man who was healed didn't
know who Jesus was because Jesus had slipped away in the
crowd that was there.

79 Later, Jesus found the man in the temple courtyard. Jesus
said to him, "Look, you have been made well. Stop sinning so
that something worse won't happen to you." 80 The man went
and told the Jewish leaders that Jesus was the one who had made
him well. 81 Because of this, the Jewish leaders were persecuting
Jesus — he was doing these things on the Sabbath day.

82 Jesus answered them, "My Father always works and I must
work too."

83 Because of this, the Jewish leaders were trying even harder
to kill Jesus. They thought that Jesus was not only breaking the
rules about the Sabbath day but he was also claiming that God
was his own Father, thus making himself equal with God.

Jesus teaches about the Father.

(John 5:19-47)

8 [J] *(Jerusalem)* 1 So Jesus answered them, "I am telling you
the truth: the Son can do nothing on his own. He can only
do what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father may do,
the Son will do the same thing. 2 The Father loves the Son. The
Father shows him everything He is doing. The Father will show
him even greater deeds than these so that you will be amazed.
3 Just as the Father raises dead people and makes them live again,
in the same way the Son gives life to whom he wishes.

4 "The Father does not judge anyone. Instead, He has given

the Son the right to judge everything [5] so that everyone will
honor the Son as they honor the Father. The person who does
not honor the Son is not honoring the Father who sent the Son.
[6] I am telling you the truth: the person who listens to my teach-
ing and believes in the One who sent me has eternal life. That
person will not stand the Judgment. Instead, he has passed from
death over to life.

[7] "I am telling you the truth: the time is coming — the time
has already come — when dead people will hear the voice of the
Son of God. And when they hear it, they will live again! [8] The
Father has life in Himself. In the same way He has granted the
Son to have life in himself. [9] The Father gave the Son authority
to judge because he is the Son of Man.

[10] Don't be surprised at this because the time is coming
when everyone in the graves will hear the voice of the Son of
God. [11] They will come out of the graves. Those who lived right
will rise to life, but those who did evil things will rise to stand
the judgment.

[12] "I cannot do anything on my own. I judge on the basis of
what I hear. Since I am not seeking my own will, my decision is
fair. I am seeking the will of the One who sent me. [13] If I were
giving proof about myself, my proof would not be true. [14] But
there is another man who is giving proof about me. I know that
the proof he gives about me is true.

[15] "You sent some men to John and he has told the truth. [16] I
don't accept proof from men. But I am saying these things so
that you can be saved. [17] John was a light that burns and shines.
You were willing to enjoy his light for a while.

18 "But I have more proof than John's: the deeds which the
Father has given me to finish. The deeds prove that the Father
sent me! 19 The One who sent me is the Father; He has given
proof about me. You have never heard God's voice. You have
never seen His shape. 20 And you don't have His teaching stay-
ing in you. You don't believe in the one whom God sent.
21 "You are always searching the Scriptures because you think
you will find eternal life in them. But the Scriptures are giving
proof about me! 22 You don't want to come to me so that you
may have life.
23 "I don't accept praise from men, 24 but I know you — you
don't have God's giving of Himself, expecting nothing in return,
in your hearts. 25 I have come with the authority of my Father
and you are not accepting me. If someone else comes with his
own authority, you will accept him. 26 How can you believe if
you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain
the praise that comes from the only God? 27 Don't think that I
will accuse you in front of your father. Moses is the one you
trust. He is accusing you before the Father! 28 If you believed
Moses, you would have believed me because he wrote about me.
29 If you won't believe in what he wrote, how can you believe in
my words?"

Jesus teaches about the Sabbath.

(Matthew 12:01-21, Mark 2:22-28, Mark 3:01-06, Luke 6:01-11)

[M] *(Journeying toward Galilee)* 30 At that time Jesus was traveling
through a field of grain on a Sabbath day. His students were
hungry. They began to pick the grain and eat it. 31 The Pharisees
saw this and said to Jesus, "Look! Your students are doing what

is not right to do on the Sabbath day." 32 Jesus said to them, "Do you remember reading about what David did when he and his men were hungry? 33 David went into the house of God. They ate the holy loaves of bread. The law did not permit David or his men to eat them - only the priests could eat them.

34 "You have read in the law of Moses that every Sabbath day the priests in the temple courtyard disobey the laws of the Sabbath. And yet, they have no guilt. 35 But I'm telling you, there is one here who is more important than the temple! 36 Have you read this: 'I want mercy more than I want animal sacrifices.'? If you had read this, you would not have condemned innocent people! [K] 37 Jesus was saying this to the Pharisees, "The Sabbath was made for man. Man was not made for the Sabbath!

[L] 38 On another Sabbath day, Jesus went into the house of worship to teach the people. A man with a crippled right hand was there. 39 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees were waiting to see whether Jesus would heal on the Sabbath day. They wanted to see Jesus do something wrong so that they could accuse him. [M] 40 A man with a crippled hand was there. They asked Jesus, "Is it right to heal people on the Sabbath day?" (They wanted to accuse Jesus of doing something wrong.) 41 Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath day. Wouldn't you grab it and pull it out? 42 A human being is so much more important than a sheep. So it is right to do good on the Sabbath day." [K] 43 Jesus looked around at all of them. He was angry, but he was sad too because their hearts were hard. He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand!" The man stretched it out. His hand was restored.

[M] 44 The Pharisees left. They made plans to kill Jesus. [L]
45 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law became very, very
angry. They started saying to each other, "What can we do to
Jesus?" [K] 46 The Pharisees and the students of Herod Antipas
left. They began to make a plot to kill Jesus.

Many people follow Jesus.

(Mark 3:07-12)

[K] *(Lake Galilee)* 47 Jesus and his students went down to Lake
Galilee. A large group followed him from the Galilee and from
the region of Judea, 48 from Jerusalem, from the land of Idumea,
from the area across the Jordan River, and from the cities of
Tyre and Sidon. They heard about the things Jesus was doing; so
they came to him. 49 To keep the crowd from pushing up against
Jesus, he told his students to get a boat ready for him. 50 The
people were trying to get as close to Jesus as they could because
he had healed many people. People with diseases wanted to
touch him. 51 When people with evil spirits saw Jesus, they fell
down in front of him and shouted, "You are the son of God!"
52 But Jesus warned them not to tell who he was.

Jesus chooses 12 delegates.

(Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12-16)

[K] *(near Capernaum)* 53 Jesus went up on a hillside. He called for
the ones he wanted. They came to him. 54 He appointed twelve
and named them "delegates". He wanted them to be with him
and to send them out to preach. 55 They would have authority to
throw out demons.

56 These are the twelve men whom Jesus chose: Simon (Jesus
called him Peter); 57 Jacob, the son of Zebedee; John, Jacob's

brother (Jesus gave them the name Boanerges — this means "sons of thunder"), 58 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, Jacob (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon the Revolutionary, 59 and Judas Iscariot (the one who turned against Jesus).

[L] 60 Jesus and the delegates came down from the hillside. Jesus stood on a level place. A large group of his students were there. Also there were many, many people from all around Judea, Jerusalem, and the seacoast cities of Tyre and Sidon. 61 They all came to listen to Jesus and to be healed of their diseases. Jesus healed those people who were troubled by evil spirits.

62 All of the people were trying to touch Jesus because power was coming out of him. Jesus healed them all!

Jesus teaches on a plain.

(Luke 6:17-49)

[L] *(near Capernaum)* 63 Jesus and the delegates came down from the hillside. Jesus stood on a level place. A large group of his students were there. Also there were many, many people from all around Judea, Jerusalem, and the seacoast cities of Tyre and Sidon. 64 They all came to listen to Jesus and to be healed of their diseases. Jesus healed those people who were troubled by evil spirits.

65 All of the people were trying to touch Jesus because power was coming out of him. Jesus healed them all! 66 Jesus looked up at his students and began to speak:

"Poor people, be happy, because God's kingdom belongs to you! 67 You who are hungry now, be happy, because you will be satisfied. You who are crying now, be happy, because you will

laugh. 68 Be happy when people hate you and are cruel to you.
Be happy even when they pull away from you as being evil and
throw you out because you are my friend. 69 At that time you
should jump for joy, because you will have a great reward in
heaven. Their ancestors treated the prophets the same way that
these people treat you.

70 "Nevertheless it will be horrible for you, you rich and self-
ish people, because you've had your comfort. 71 It will be horri-
ble for you, you people who are full now, because you will be
hungry. It will be horrible for you people who are laughing now,
because you will mourn and cry aloud. 72 How horrible it is
when everyone says good things about you; their ancestors
always did that to the false prophets!

73 "However, I say to you people who are listening to me,
give yourselves to your enemies, for their good, expecting noth-
ing in return. Do good to those who hate you. 74 Bless those peo-
ple who curse you. Pray for those people who are cruel to you.
75 If a person hits you on one side of your face, offer the other
side too. If someone takes away your robe, let him have your
shirt too. 76 Give to every person who asks you. When a person
takes something that belongs to you, don't ask for it back.

77 "Treat other people the way you want them to treat you.
78 If you give yourself, expecting something in return, to those
who give themselves to you for their good, expecting something
in return — then you are not any better than anyone else. Even
tax collectors do the same thing! 79 If you do good only to those
who do good to you, you are no better than anyone else. Even
'sinners' do that! 80 If you lend something to someone, always

hoping to get something back, what good have you done? Even 'sinners' lend to other 'sinners' so that they may get the same amount back!

81 "So give yourself to your enemies, for their good, expecting nothing in return, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting anything in return. God is good, even to the people who are full of sin and who are not thankful. If you do these things, you will have a great reward. You will be sons of the Highest One.

82 "Give mercy as your heavenly Father gives mercy. 83 Don't pass judgment on other people, and you won't be judged. Do not condemn other people, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 84 Give to others, and it will be given to you. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands, shaken, and pressed down — more than you can hold. It will be so much that it will spill over into your lap. The measure you use to measure will be used to measure back to you."

85 Jesus gave them this example: "Can a blind man guide a blind man? Both of them will fall into a pit. 86 A student is not higher than his teacher. However, when the student has learned, he will be like his teacher.

87 "Why do you see the speck of dust which is in your brother's eye but do not notice the wooden pole which is in your own eye? 88 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take hat speck out of your eye,' while you still have that pole in your own eye? Can't you see it? You hypocrite! First take the pole out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

89 "A good tree does not produce rotten fruit; neither does a
rotten tree produce good fruit. 90 Each tree can be known by its
fruit. Do people gather figs from thorny weeds? Do people get
grapes from bushes? 91 A good man brings good out of the good
treasure of his heart, but an evil man brings out evil from an evil
treasure. A person speaks what flows out of his heart.

92 "Why do you call me, 'Lord! Lord!' yet you do not obey
what I say! 93 Everyone who comes to me and listens to my
words and obeys them 94 is like a man building a house. He digs
down deep and builds his house on strong rock. Then the floods
come, and the water tries to wash the house away, but the flood
cannot move the house because it was built well. 95 However, the
person who hears my words and does not obey them is like a
man who does not build his house on rock. There is no solid
foundation. When the floods come, the house quickly falls
down, and that house is completely destroyed."

Reports about the second year of the work of Jesus.

Roman officer seeks Jesus.

(Luke 7:01-10, Matthew 8:05-13)

9 [L] *(Capernaum)* 1 Jesus finished saying all these things to
the people. Then he went into Capernaum. 2 The slave of a
Roman army officer was very sick — near death. The officer
honored him very much. 3 When the officer heard about Jesus,
he sent some Jewish elders to him to ask Jesus to come and save
the life of his slave. 4 When the men came to Jesus, they begged
him earnestly, "This officer deserves to have your help. 5 He built
the house of worship for us; he gives himself to our people, for
their good, expecting nothing in return."

6 So Jesus went with the men. He was coming near to the
officer's house when the officer sent friends to say, "Lord, don't
bother to come into my house. I am not worthy to be with you.
7 That is why I did not come to you myself. Just give the order
and my slave will be healed. 8 I am a person under authority too,
and I have soldiers below me whom I command. I can say to
one, 'Go!' and he goes. I can say to another, 'Come!' and he
comes. Or, if I say to my slave, 'Do this!' he does it. 9 When Jesus
heard this, he was surprised. Jesus turned to the crowd that was
following him. He said, "I tell you, I have not found this much
faith anywhere — not even in Israel!" [M] 10 I tell you, many peo-
ple will come from the east and the west and sit down with
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 11 Those

who were sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the dark. In that place there will be screaming and grinding of teeth."
12 Then Jesus said to the army officer, "Go, it will happen for you as you believed." The boy was healed in that same hour.

Jesus revives a widow's son.

(Luke 7:11-17)

[L] *(near Nain)* 13 The next day Jesus went to a town called Nain. His students and a large group of people were traveling with him. 14 When Jesus came near the town gate, he saw a funeral procession. A mother had lost her only son. She was also a widow. A large crowd from the town was there with the mother while the dead son was being carried out. 15 When the Lord Jesus saw her, he felt very sorry for her. He said to her, "Don't cry."
16 Jesus came near the coffin and touched it. The men who were carrying it stopped. Jesus said, "Young man, I tell you, get up!"
17 Then the dead son sat up and began to talk. Jesus gave him to his mother. 18 All of the people felt much respect. They were praising God. They said, "A great prophet has come to us!" and, "God is taking care of His people."

19 This news about Jesus spread into all Judea and throughout all the places around there.

John seeks answers.

(Luke 7:18-35, Matthew 11:02-19)

[L] *(from Prison)* 20 John's students told John about all of these things. He called for two of his students. 21 John sent them to the Lord Jesus to ask, "Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for someone else?"

22 So the men came to Jesus. They said, "John (the one who

immerses people) sent us to you with this question: 'Are you the one who is coming, or should we wait for another person?'"
23 At that time Jesus healed many people of their sicknesses, diseases, and evil spirits. He gave sight to many blind people.
24 Then Jesus said to John's students, "Go tell John the things you have seen and heard. Blind people can see again. Crippled people can walk. Those with leprosy are made well. The deaf can hear; dead people are given life; and the Good News is given to the poor people. 25 The person who is not ashamed of me is truly happy!"

26 After John's messengers left, Jesus began to tell the crowds about John:

"What did you people go out into the wilderness to see? A stalk of grass being blown by the wind? 27 Why did you go out there? Did you go to see a man dressed in fine clothes? The people who have fine, nice clothes live in palaces. 28 Really, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you — John is even more than a prophet. 29 This was written about John: 'Listen! I am sending my messenger to go ahead of you. He will prepare the way for you.'

30 "I tell you, John is greater than any man ever born. However, the person who is the least important in God's kingdom is greater than John!" [M] 31 From the time when John appeared until now, the kingdom of heaven is being attacked; violent men are trying to capture it. 32 Until the time of John, the law of Moses and all the prophets prophesied about it. 33 And if you are willing to accept it, John is the Elijah who was to appear. 34 The person, who has ears to hear with, should use them.

[L] 35 (All of the people and the tax collectors who heard this
agreed that God's command was good; they had allowed themselves to be immersed by John. 36 But the Pharisees and teachers
of the law refused to obey God's plan; they did not allow themselves to be immersed by John.)

37 Then Jesus said, "Now I will compare the people of this
time to something. What are they like? 38 The people of this
time are like little children sitting in the marketplace, calling to
each other, 'We played a happy song, but you wouldn't dance.
We played a sad song, but you wouldn't cry.' 39 John (the one
who immersed people) came, not eating normal food or drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon!'

Jesus warns cities.

(Matthew 11:20-27)

[M] *(?)* 40 Then Jesus began to criticize the towns where most of
his miracles had occurred. The people had not changed their
hearts. 41 "It will be horrible for you, O town of Chorazin! It will
be horrible for you, Bethsaida! Many miracles have occurred in
you. If these same miracles had occurred in the cities of Tyre and
Sidon, then those people in Tyre and Sidon would have changed
their hearts and actions long ago. 42 But on the Judgment Day,
God will punish you more than the people of Tyre and Sidon.
43 And you, Capernaum, do you think you will be lifted up to
heaven? You will be thrown down to Hades! Many miracles have
occurred in you. If these same miracles had occurred in Sodom,
that city would still be standing today. 44 But on the Judgment
Day, God will punish you more than He will punish the people
of Sodom!"

45 At that time Jesus said, "Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
I praise You because You have hidden these teachings from the
'wise' and 'intelligent' people but You show Your teachings to
little children. 46 Yes, Father, I praise You because this is what
You really wanted to do.

47 "My Father has given me all things. Only the Father
knows who the Son is. And only the Son knows who the Father
is. The only people who will know about the Father are those
people whom the Son chooses to tell.

Privilege of the lowly.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

[M] *(?)* 48 "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy
loads. If you will, I will give you rest. 49 Take the task I give you.
Learn from me because I am gentle and humble in heart. You
will find rest for your lives. 50 The task I give you is easy. The
load I put upon you is not heavy."

Jesus teaches about grace.

(Luke 7:36-50, Luke 8:01-03)

[L] *(?)* 51 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus
went into the Pharisee's house and sat down at the table. 52 At
that time there was a sinful woman in town. She knew that Jesus
was having dinner at the Pharisee's house; so the woman
brought some expensive perfume. 53 She stood crying at Jesus'
feet. Then she began to wash his feet with her tears and to dry
them with her hair. She kissed his feet again and again and
rubbed them with perfume.

54 The Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this. He thought
to himself, "If Jesus really were a prophet, he would know that

the woman who is touching him is a sinner!" 55 Then Jesus said
to the Pharisee, "Simon, I have something to say to you." Simon
said, "Say it, teacher." 56 Jesus said, "There were two men. Both
men owed money to the same moneylender. One man owed him
500 silver coins. The other man owed him 50 silver coins. 57 The
men didn't have any money to pay back the moneylender. So the
moneylender told the men that they didn't have to pay him.
Which one of them will want to give himself to the moneylen-
der, for his good, expecting nothing more from him?" 58 Simon
answered, "I think it would be the one who owed him the most
money." Jesus said to him, "You are correct."

59 Then Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do
you see this woman? When I came into your house, you pro-
vided me with no water for my feet, but she washed my feet with
her tears and dried them with her hair. 60 You didn't give me the
kiss of friendship, but she has not stopped kissing my feet since I
came in! 61 You did not rub my head with oil, but she rubbed my
feet with perfume. 62 Because of her great giving to me, for my
good, expecting nothing in return — I tell you, her many sins are
forgiven. The person who has only a little need to be forgiven
will only give himself a little to others, for their good, expecting
nothing in return, when he is forgiven." 63 Then Jesus said to
her, "Your sins are forgiven." 64 The guests at the table began to
think to themselves, "Who does Jesus think he is? How can he
forgive sins?" 65 Jesus said to the woman, "Because you believed,
you are forgiven. Go in peace."

66 Later, Jesus was traveling through each town and village.
He was preaching and telling the Good News about God's king-

dom. The twelve delegates were with him. 67 There were also some women with him. Jesus had healed these women of evil spirits and sicknesses. One of the women was Mary from a town called Magdala. Seven demons had come out of her. 68 Also, there were: Joanna, the wife of Chuza (Herod Antipas' business manager), Suzanna, and other women. These women used their own money to help Jesus and his delegates.

Jesus teaches about the Spirit.

(Mark 3:20-30, Matthew 12:22-37)

[K] *(Capernaum?)* 69 Jesus came to a house. Again, such a crowd came together that they didn't even have time to eat. 70 When Jesus' family heard this, they went out to get Jesus. They were saying, "He's crazy!"

[M] 71 Then they brought a man with a demon in him to Jesus. This man was blind and he could not talk. Jesus healed him. The man was able to speak and see. 72 All the crowds were amazed. They kept saying, "This man is not the son of David, is he?" 73 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man throws demons out only by using the power of Beelzebul, the ruler of demons!"

74 Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said to them, "Every kingdom which is divided against itself will be ruined. Every town or family which is divided against itself will not hold together. 75 If Satan were throwing out Satan, then he would be divided against himself. How could his kingdom stay together? 76 But if I throw out demons by using the power of Beelzebul, then whose power do your own people use to throw them out? This is why your own people prove you are wrong! 77 However,

if it is true that I use the Spirit of God to throw out demons,
then God's kingdom has come upon you!
78 "How can someone go into a strong man's house and take
away his possessions? He must first tie up the strong man. Then
he can rob the strong man's house.
79 "If a person is not with me, he is against me. The person,
who does not gather with me, scatters. 80 This is why I am telling
you that people may be forgiven of any sin or any evil thing said
against God. But they cannot be forgiven of saying evil things
against the Holy Spirit! 81 If someone says something against me,
he can be forgiven. However, if someone says something against
the Holy Spirit, he cannot be forgiven - not in this age nor the
next one. 82 Either call the tree good and its fruit good, or call the
tree bad and its fruit rotten. A tree can be known by its fruit.
[K] 83 Jesus said this because they were saying, "Jesus has an
evil spirit!"
[M] 84 "You are like poisonous snakes. You are evil. How can
you say good things? A person speaks what flows out of his
heart. 85 A good man brings good things out of the good trea-
sure of his heart, but an evil man brings out evil things from an
evil heart. 86 I tell you, sometimes people talk without thinking.
On the Judgment Day they will be held responsible for every
word. 87 Your words can make you right with God or your words
can condemn you."

Jesus teaches about seeking and serving.

(Matthew 12:38-50, Luke 8:19-21)

10 [M] *(?)* 1 Then some of the teachers of the law and the
Pharisees answered Jesus, "Teacher, we want to see you

do a miracle."

2 Jesus answered them, "The people living today are very evil. They are not faithful to God. They ask for proof from God, but no proof will be given to them. The only proof will be the miracle which God worked for Jonah the prophet. 3 Jonah was in the belly of the big fish for three days and three nights. In the same way, I will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. 4 On the Judgment Day, the men from the city of Nineveh will condemn the people of this time.

"Why? Because when Jonah preached to them, they listened and changed their hearts. Listen! I am greater than Jonah. 5 The Queen of Sheba will rise up on the Judgment Day with the men of this time and she will condemn them. Why? Because she came a very long way to listen to the wisdom of Solomon. Listen! I am greater than Solomon!"

6 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through dry places looking for a place to rest. If the spirit does not find a place, 7 it says, 'I will go back to the house from which I came.' So it goes and finds that house empty, cleaned up, and in order. 8 Then the evil spirit goes and brings seven other spirits worse than itself, and they go into that man and live there. And that man has even more trouble than he had before. The evil people of this time will be the same way."

9 While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, at that time his mother and his brothers stood outside. They were wanting to speak with him. 10 Someone said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside; they want to speak with you." 11 Jesus answered that person, "Who is my mother? Who are my

brothers?" 12 Then Jesus pointed to his students and said,
"Look, all these people are my mother and my brothers! 13 If a
person does what my Father in heaven wants him to do, he is my
brother, my sister, or my mother!"

The kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 13:01-53, Mark 4:01-34, Luke 8:04-18)

[M] *(lakeshore near Capernaum)* 14 That day Jesus left the house
and he was sitting beside the Lake of Galilee. 15 There were so
many people who came to Jesus that he had to get into a boat.
He sat in the boat and all the crowd stood on the shore. 16 Jesus
used many examples to speak with them:

"A farmer went out to plant his seed. 17 While he was plant-
ing, some seeds fell along the road. The wild birds ate them up.
18 Some other seeds fell on rocky soil. There was not much soil
there. The little plants grew up quickly because the soil was not
deep. 19 But when the sun came up, the plants were burned
because their roots dried up. 20 Some more seeds fell among
thorny weeds. But the thorny weeds came up and killed them
off. 21 And some seeds fell on good soil. Some were producing
fruit 100 times more, some were producing 60 times more, and
some 30 times more. 22 The person who has ears must use
them!"

23 Jesus' students came and asked him, "Why do you use
examples to speak to us?"

24 Jesus answered, "You have been chosen to learn the secrets
of the kingdom of heaven, but these secrets have not been given
to others. 25 The person who has something will get more. How-
ever, what will happen to the one who has almost nothing? Even

what he has will be taken away from him! 26 This is why I use
stories when I talk with them: so that they look but do not see,
and they listen but they do not understand. 27 They have made
Isaiah's prophecy come true: 'You will certainly hear, but you
won't understand! You will certainly see, but you won't under-
stand! 28 The heart of this people has become hard. They have
ears, but they do not listen. They have shut their eyes. Other-
wise, they would see with their eyes, hear with their ears, under-
stand with their minds, and then turn. I would heal them.'
29 You are very blessed to see what you now see, and to hear what
you now hear. 30 I am telling you the truth: many prophets and
upright men wanted to see what you now see, but they did not
see it. And they wanted to hear what you now hear, but they did
not hear it."

[K] 31 Jesus said to them, "Since you don't understand this
story, how can you understand any of the other stories? 32 The
farmer was planting God's message.

[M] 33 "Listen to the meaning of the example about the
farmer: 34 A person hears the message about the kingdom, but
he does not understand it. Then the evil one comes and takes
away what was planted in the person's heart. This is the meaning
of what was planted along the road. 35 What was planted on
rocky soil is the person who hears the message and accepts it
with gladness right away. 36 However he does not have deep
roots in himself; he doesn't last long. When, because of the mes-
sage, trouble or persecution comes, he soon gets discouraged and
gives up. 37 That which was planted among the thorny weeds is
the one who hears the message, but the worries of thisage and

deceiving riches choke out the message. It never produces fruit.
38 What was planted on good soil is the one who listens to the
message and understands it. He produces fruit - some of it is 100
times more, some is 60 times more, and some is 30 times more."

39 Jesus used another story. He said, "The kingdom of
heaven is like this: a man planted some good wheat seed in his
field. 40 While his men were sleeping, the man's enemy came and
planted some weeds among the wheat. Then he went away.
41 When the wheat came up and started making heads of wheat,
the weeds appeared too. 42 The slaves went to the owner and said
to him, 'Lord, you planted good wheat seed in your field. Where
did the weeds come from?' 43 The man said to them, 'An enemy
did this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go out and
collect the weeds?' 44 He said, 'No, because while you are collect-
ing the weeds, you might tear up the wheat which is next to the
weeds. 45 Let the wheat and the weeds grow together until har-
vest time. At that time I will tell the workers to gather up the
weeds first. Then they can tie them together in bundles to burn
them, but they will gather the wheat into my barn.'"

46 As Jesus was talking to them, he used another story:
"What is the kingdom of heaven like? It is like the seed of the
mustard plant. A person plants the seed in his garden. 47 It is one
of the smallest seeds of all. But when it grows up, it is the largest
garden plant - it becomes a tree. The wild birds build nests in its
branches."

48 Jesus spoke to them with another example: "The kingdom
of heaven is like yeast which a woman mixes into a tub of flour
to make the bread rise."

[K] 49 Jesus said to them, "Do you bring a lamp, so that you
can put it under a basket or under the bed? It is supposed to go
on top of a table. 50 Everything that is hidden will become clear.
Every secret thing will be made known. 51 If a person has ears to
hear with, he should use them!"

52 Jesus said to them, "Think carefully about what you hear.
The way you give is the way God will give to you. But God will
give you more than you give! 53 Because the person who has
something, he will get more. But this will happen to the person
who has almost nothing: even what he thinks he has will be
taken away from him."

54 Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is like this: a man puts
seed in the ground. 55 The seed comes up and grows while he
sleeps at night and when he gets up every day. The man doesn't
know how this happens. 56 The ground produces by itself. The
grass comes first, then the head, then the ripe wheat in the head.
57 When the crop is ready, the man soon cuts it with a sickle; har-
vest time has come."

[M] 58 Jesus used examples to say all these things to the
crowds. He always spoke to them with a comparison story.
59 What God said through the prophet came true: "When I open
my mouth to speak, I will use examples. I will tell things which
have been hidden since the world was created."

60 Then Jesus left the crowds and went back to the house.
His students came to him and said, "Tell us plainly the meaning
of the story about the weeds in the field." 61 Jesus answered, "I
am the one who planted the good seed. 62 The field is the world.
The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the

sons of the evil one. 63 The enemy who sowed the weeds is the
devil. Harvest time is the end of the age. And the workers are
angels. 64 The weeds will be collected and burned in fire. It will
be like this at the end of the age. 65 I will send my angels. They
will collect everything which makes people sin and the people
who do wrong, and put them out of his kingdom. 66 The angels
will throw them into a hot oven. In that place there will be
screaming and grinding of teeth. 67 Then the good people will
shine as brightly as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The
person who has ears should use them!"

68 "The kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure. A man
finds it buried in a field. He is so happy that he goes and sells
everything he owns and buys that field."

69 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a businessman who
is always looking for good pearls. 70 One day he found a very
beautiful pearl. He went and sold everything he owned and
bought that pearl."

71 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a big net which is
thrown into the lake. It catches every kind of fish. 72 When the
net is full, the men pull it onto the shore. Then they sit down
and pick out the good fish. They throw the good fish on the
beach but they throw the worthless fish away. 73 It will be like
this at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the
good people from the bad people. 74 The angels will throw the
bad people into a hot oven. In that place there will be screaming
and grinding of teeth."

75 Jesus said to his students, "Do you understand these
things?"

They said to him, "Yes."

76 Jesus said to them, "Every teacher of the law who becomes
trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is the head
of his house. He brings new things and old things out of his trea-
sure." 77 When Jesus finished all these examples, he left that
place.

Jesus calms the water.

(Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 8:18-27, Luke 8:22-25)

[K] *(Lake Galilee)* 78 When it was evening of that same day, Jesus
said to them, "Let us go across Lake Galilee." 79 Jesus was in the
boat. They took him and left the crowd. Other boats went with
him. 80 Suddenly, there was a storm — a strong wind. The waves
were getting into the boat; it was about to be filled with water.
81 But Jesus was in the back of the boat, asleep on a pillow. They
woke him up, saying, "Teacher, we are going to die; don't you
care?" 82 Jesus woke up and gave an order to the wind and the
waves of the lake, "Be still! Stop!" The wind stopped blowing; it
was very calm. 83 Jesus said to them, "Why were you so afraid?
Do you not yet have faith?" 84 They were very frightened. They
continued to say to one another, "What kind of a man is this?
Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Jesus sends evil spirits into pigs.

(Mark 5:01-21, Luke 8:26-39, Matthew 8:28-34, Matthew 9:01)

11 [K] *(Garasenes)* 1 Jesus and his students came to the
other side of the lake, the land where the Gerasene peo-
ple lived. [L] 2 When Jesus went ashore, a man from the town met
him. This man was full of demons. For a long time he had worn
no clothes. He was living in the tombs, not in a house. [K] 3 His

home was among the tombs. No one was able to bind him with chains anymore. 4 His hands and feet had been bound many times, but he would always break the chains apart and smash the shackles. No one was strong enough to tame him. 5 Day and night he was always in the hills or among the tombs shouting and cutting himself with sharp stones. 6 When this man saw Jesus far away, he ran to Jesus and bowed down.

7 The man shouted loudly, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don't punish me!"

8 Jesus said to him, "Evil spirit, come out of this man!"

9 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

He said to Jesus, "My name is Legion, because we are many." 10 The man started to beg Jesus many times. He wanted Jesus not to send them out of the area. 11 On that hill there was a large herd of pigs feeding. 12 They begged Jesus, "Send us into the pigs; we could go into them!" 13 Jesus allowed them. So the evil spirits came out of the man and went into the pigs. (There were about 2,000 pigs.) The herd ran down the steep hill and into the lake. They drowned. 14 Some men had been taking care of the pigs. They ran away. They told the story in the fields and in the town. The people came to see what had happened. 15 They came to Jesus and saw the man sitting there. The man had clothes on and he was in his right mind. This man did not have a legion of evil spirits anymore. The people were afraid. 16 There were men who had seen what Jesus did to the man with demons. They told all about the pigs.

17 The people began to beg Jesus to leave their area. 18 As

Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who no longer had
demons continued to beg Jesus; he wanted to stay with Jesus.
19 But Jesus would not allow him to do this. Instead, Jesus said
to him, "Go home to your family. Tell them what the Lord has
done for you. He has given you mercy." 20 So the man went back
and began to preach what Jesus had done for him in the area of
Ten Towns. Everyone was amazed.

Jesus goes home.

(Mark 6:01-06, Matthew 13:54-58)

[K] *(Nazareth)* 21 Jesus left there and came to his own hometown.
His students went along behind him. 22 When the Sabbath day
came, Jesus began to teach in the house of worship. Many people
were listening; they were amazed. They said, "Where did Jesus
get all these things? Who gave him this wisdom? How do such
miracles happen by his hands? 23 He is the one who works as a
carpenter. He is the son of Mary. His brothers are: Jacob, Joseph,
Judas, and Simon. His sisters are here with us too." They were
ashamed of Jesus. 24 Jesus said this to them: "A prophet is not
accepted in his own hometown, or among his relatives, or in his
own family." 25 Jesus was not able to perform many miracle
there. He only put his hands on a few sick people and made
them well. 26 He was amazed that they did not believe. Jesus was
going around all the villages, teaching people.

Jesus sends twelve delegates to spread the good news.

(Matthew 9:35-38, Matthew 10:01-42, Matthew 11:01, Mark 6:07-13, Luke 9:01-06)

[M] *(Galilee)* 27 Jesus went around all the towns and villages,
teaching in their houses of worship and preaching the Good

News about the kingdom. He was healing all kinds of sicknesses and diseases. 28 When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were worried and helpless, like sheep that didn't have a shepherd. 29 Then Jesus said to his students, "There is a big harvest but there are not many workers. 30 So pray that the Owner of the harvest will send more workers into the harvest field."

[K] 31 He called for his twelve delegates. He began to send them out in pairs, giving them authority over evil spirits. [L] 32 Jesus sent them to preach about God's kingdom and to heal sick people. [M] 33 These are the names of the twelve delegates: first, there was Simon (called Peter), Andrew (Peter's brother), Jacob (the son of Zebedee), John (Jacob's brother), 34 Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew (the tax collector), Jacob (the son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, 35 Simon the Revolutionary, Judas Iscariot (he is the one that turned against Jesus).

36 Jesus sent out these twelve men with these orders:

"Don't go off into any non-Jewish area. Don't go into any Samaritan town. 37 Instead, go to the lost sheep - the people of Israel. 38 As you are going, preach this: 'The kingdom of heaven is very near!'

39 "Heal sick people. Raise people from death. Make lepers well. Throw out demons. You received freely; give freely. 40 Don't take along any gold, silver, or copper in your money belts. 41 Don't take a bag for the trip, an extra suit of clothes, shoes, or a walking cane. A worker should be given his pay. 42 When you enter a town or a village, find someone there who is worthy. Stay there until it is time to leave. 43 When

you go into his house, give your greeting to it. 44 If the household is worthy, let your greeting of peace be upon it. However, if the household is not worthy, let your greeting of peace come back to you. [L] 45 When people in one place don't welcome you, or they won't listen to you, leave there and shake off the dust from under your feet. This will be a warning to them." [M] 46 I tell you the truth: on the Judgment Day, God will punish the people of that town more than He will punish the people of Sodom and Gomorrah!

47 "Listen! I am sending you like sheep into a pack of wolves. Be wise like snakes, yet as gentle as doves. 48 Watch out for some people! They will betray you to the local courts. They will whip you in their houses of worship. 49 Men will take you to be judged before governors and kings because you are associated with me. You can tell them and the nations of the world all of the things you have seen me do. 50 When they turn against you, don't worry about what or how you will speak. At that time what you should say will be given to you. 51 You will not be doing the talking; it will be the Spirit of your heavenly Father who will be speaking through you.

52 "A brother will hand over his own brother - to have him put to death! A father will do the same thing to his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. 53 Everyone will hate you because of me, but the person who holds out to the end will be saved. 54 When they persecute you in one town, quickly go to another town. I am telling you the truth: I will come before you finish teaching in the towns of Israel.

55 "A student is not higher than the teacher. A slave is not
higher than his master. 56 The student should be satisfied to
become like his teacher. The slave should be satisfied to become
like his master. Since they called the owner of the house 'Beelze-
bub', they will call the members of the owner's family by names
which are even worse. 57 Don't be afraid of people because every-
thing which is hidden will be found out and everything which is
secret will be made known. 58 What I am telling you in the dark,
you must tell in the light. What you hear whispered, you must
announce from the top of the houses.

59 "Don't be afraid of people. People can kill the body, but
they cannot kill the soul. Instead, you should be afraid of the
One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 60 Two spar-
rows are sold for only a small coin and yet, not one sparrow falls
to the ground without your heavenly Father knowing it. 61 God
even knows how many hairs you have on your head. 62 Don't be
afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

63 "If anyone confesses in front of other people that he
believes in me, then I will speak for him in front of my Father in
heaven. 64 But if anyone is ashamed of me in front of people,
then I will be ashamed of him in front of my Father in heaven.
65 Don't think that I came to give peace to the world. No, I came
to bring a sword. 66 I came to divide: 'a man against his father, a
daughter against her mother, 67 a daughter-in-law against her
mother-in-law. The enemies of a person will be the members of
his own family.'

68 "The person who loves his father or mother more than me
is not worthy of me. The person who loves his son or daughter

more than me is not worthy of me. 69 The person who does not accept his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 70 The person who finds his life will lose it, but the person who gives his life to others because of me will find it.

71 "The person who welcomes you welcomes me. The person who is welcoming me is welcoming the One who sent me. 72 The person, who welcomes a prophet as a true prophet, will receive a prophet's reward. A person who receives a good man as a truly good man will receive a good man's reward. 73 If anyone gives one of these precious little ones a drink of cold water because he is my student, I tell you the truth, that person will certainly not lose his reward."

74 When Jesus finished giving these orders to his twelve students he left there to teach and to preach among their towns in the Galilee.

Herod kills John the Baptist.

(Mark 6:14-29, Luke 9:07-09, Matthew 4:13, Matthew 14:01-12)

[K] *(Perea)* 75 So Jesus' students went out. They preached that people must change their hearts. [M] 76 Herod wanted to kill John but he was afraid of the crowd. (The people thought of John as a prophet.)

[K] 77 One day Herodias' opportunity came. It was on Herod's birthday. He gave a dinner for his important government officials, army commanders, and leaders in the Galilee. 78 Herodias' daughter came in and danced. She pleased Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask for whatever you want, and I will give it to you." 79 He vowed to her, "I will give you whatever you ask for — even half of my kingdom!" 80 She

left and asked her mother, "What should I ask for?" Herodias said, "The head of John!" (The one who immersed people.) 81 At once the girl hurried back to the king. She demanded, "I want you to give me the head of John on a plate — now!" 82 The king was very sad but, because of the vow and the guests, Herod didn't want to refuse her. 83 Immediately the king sent a guard away with orders to bring John's head. He left. He cut off John's head in the prison. 84 He brought the head on a plate and gave it to the girl. The girl gave it to her mother. 85 When John's students heard about this, they came and carried away John's body. They put it in a tomb.

Jesus seeks rest.

(Mark 6:30-34, Matthew 14:13-14, Luke 9:10-11, John 6:01-03)

[K] *(Tiberias to Bethsaida)* 86 The delegates came together to Jesus. They told him everything they had done and taught. 87 There were so many people coming and going that they didn't even have a chance to eat. So Jesus said to them, "Let us go away to a quiet place to be alone. We can get some rest."

88 So they left in a boat to be alone in a place where there were no people, 89 but many people saw them leaving and recognized them. From all the towns, together they ran ahead on land to where Jesus and his delegates were going. 90 When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd; he felt sorry for them because they were like sheep that didn't have a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things. 91 Then Jesus went up on the side of a hill and sat down with his students. 92 But the crowds found out where Jesus had gone and they followed him. Jesus welcomed them and began to talk with them about God's king-

dom. He healed the people who were sick.

Jesus feeds more than 5000.

(Mark 6:32-44, Matthew 14:15-21, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:04-14)

12 [K] *(near Bethsaida)* 1 Since it was already getting late,
Jesus' students came to him and said, "This is a remote
place and it is already very late. 2 Tell the people to go away. They
need to buy something to eat for themselves in the fields and vil-
lages around here." 3 Jesus answered them, "You give them some-
thing to eat!" They said to him, "Should we leave and buy 200
silver coins' worth of food and give them something to eat?" [J]
4 (Jesus said this to test Philip; Jesus knew what he was going to
do.) [K] 5 Jesus said to them, "How much food do you have? Go
see!" They found out that they had five loaves of bread and two
fish. [J] 6 "Here is a little boy who has five small loaves of barley
bread and two small fish, but how long would that last among so
many people?" [K] 7 When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a
large crowd; he felt sorry for them because they were like sheep
that didn't have a shepherd. So he began to teach them many
things.

8 Since it was already getting late, Jesus' students came to
him and said, "This is a remote place and it is already very late.
9 Tell the people to go away. They need to buy something to eat
for themselves in the fields and villages around here." 10 Jesus
answered them, "You give them something to eat!" They said to
him, "Should we leave and buy 200 silver coins' worth of food
and give them something to eat?" 11 Jesus said to them, "How
much food do you have? Go see!" They found out that they had
five loaves of bread and two fish. 12 Jesus ordered the people to sit

down on the green grass in groups. 13 They sat down in groups
of 50 or 100. 14 Jesus took the five loaves of bread and two fish.
He looked up to heaven and thanked God for the food and
divided the loaves of bread. Then he began giving them to his
students so that they could distribute them to all the people.
Jesus also divided the two fish for everyone. 15 Everyone ate and
was satisfied.

[J] 16 When they were full, Jesus said to his students, "Gather
up the leftovers so that nothing will be wasted." [K] 17 They gath-
ered up all the pieces of bread which were left over. They filled
twelve large baskets with this bread and the fish. 18 (There were
5,000 men who were eating.)

Jesus walks on the lake.

(Matthew 14:22-36, Mark 6:45-56, John 6:15-21)

[K] *(Lake Galilee)* 19 Immediately Jesus asked his students to get
into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of Lake Galilee
to the town of Bethsaida. Jesus was sending the crowd away.

[J] 20 Jesus knew they were about to come and take him so
that they could make him a king; therefore he left again for the
mountains to be alone. [K] 21 That night the boat was in the mid-
dle of the lake. Jesus was alone on land. [J] 22 A strong wind was
blowing and the waters of the lake became rough. [M] 23 The boat
was already a long way from the shore. The waves were beating
against the boat; they were heading into the wind. [K] 24 That
night the boat was in the middle of the lake. Jesus was alone on
land. 25 He saw that his students were rowing hard because the
wind was against them. It was about three o'clock in the morn-
ing. Jesus came to them; he was walking on the lake. He wanted

to pass them by

[J] 26 Jesus' students had rowed between 5 to 6 kilometers
when they saw Jesus. He was walking on the lake. He was coming closer to the boat. They were afraid. [M] 27 When Jesus' students saw him walking on the lake, they were alarmed. They
shouted with fear, "It's a ghost!" 28 Immediately Jesus spoke to
them, "Be strong! It is I. Don't be afraid." 29 Peter answered him,
"Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you on the water!"
30 Jesus said: "Come!" Then Peter got down from the boat and
went toward Jesus, walking on the water. 31 But when Peter saw
the way the wind was blowing, he was afraid. He began to sink.
Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!" 32 Immediately, Jesus stretched
out his hand and caught him. Jesus said to him, "Oh, you have
so little faith; why did you doubt?" 33 When they climbed into
the boat, the wind stopped. [J] 34 Then they were willing to take
him into the boat, but the boat soon came to the shore where
they were heading. [M] 35 They all worshipped him, saying, "You
really are the Son of God!" [K] 36 because they did not understand
the miracle of the loaves of bread. Their heart was still hard.

Jesus teaches about food from heaven.

(John 6:22-71, John 07:01)

[J] *(Capernaum)* 37 The next day the crowd which had stayed on
the other side of the lake saw that only one boat was still there.
They knew that Jesus did not get into that boat with his students; they had left by themselves. 38 Some more boats from
Tiberias came near the place where the people had eaten the
bread for which the Lord had given thanks. 39 So when the
crowd realized that Jesus and his students were not there, they

got into some boats and went to Capernaum to look for Jesus.

40 When the people found Jesus on the other side of the lake,
they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

41 Jesus answered them, "I am telling you the truth: you are
looking for me, not because of the miracles but because you ate
the food and were filled! 42 Don't work for the kind of food
which spoils. Instead, work for the kind of food which gives you
life forever. I will give you this kind of food. God the Father puts
His mark of approval on me."

43 They asked Jesus, "What should we do so that we may
work God's works?"

44 Jesus answered them, "This is God's work — you must
commit yourselves to the one whom God sent!"

45 They said to him, "What miraculous sign will you do so
that we may see it and commit ourselves to you? What will you
do? 46 Our ancestors ate manna in the desert. It is written: 'He
gave them food to eat from heaven.'"

47 Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: Moses did
not give you food from heaven. My Father is the One who gives
you the true food from heaven. 48 God's food comes down from
heaven and gives life to the world."

49 Then they said to Jesus, "Sir, always give us this food!"

50 Jesus said to them, "I am the food which gives life. The
person who comes to me will never be hungry. The one who
commits himself to me will never be thirsty. 51 I told you,
'Though you have seen me, yet you still do not believe.' 52 All
that the Father gives to me comes to me. I will never send away
the person who comes to me.

53 "Why did I come down from heaven? It was not to do my
own will but to do the will of the One who sent me. 54 This is
the will of the One who sent me: I must not lose anything that
God has given to me. I must restore it to God on the last day.
55 This is what my Father wants: every person who sees the Son
and commits himself to him will have eternal life. I will restore
that person on the last day."

56 The Jewish leaders were complaining about Jesus because
he said, "I am the food which came down from heaven." 57 They
said, "This is Jesus, Joseph's son. We know his father and
mother. Why is he now saying, 'I have come down from
heaven?'"

58 Jesus answered them, "Stop complaining among your-
selves. 59 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me
draws him. On the last day I will raise that person from death.
60 One of the prophets wrote this: 'All people will be taught by
God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from Him
comes to me. 61 No one has seen the Father. The only one who
has seen the Father is the one who was of God.

62 "I am telling you the truth: the person who believes on me
has eternal life. 63 I am the food which gives life. 64 Our ancestors
ate manna in the desert but they died. 65 There is a type of food
which comes down from heaven. If someone eats it, he will not
die. 66 I am the living food which comes down from heaven; it
gives life. If anyone eats this food, he will live forever. The food
which I will give is my flesh. I want the people of the world to
live."

67 The Jews started arguing strongly with each other, "How

can Jesus give us his flesh to eat?"

68 Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: if you
don't eat my flesh and you don't drink my blood, you do not
have life in you! 69 The person who eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life. I will raise him from death on the last day.
70 My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 71 The person
who eats my flesh and drinks my blood stays in me and I stay in
him.

72 "The living Father sent me. I live because of the Father. In
the same way, the person who feeds on me will live because of
me. 73 This is the food which came down from heaven. The per-
son who eats this food will live forever. This food is not what
our ancestors ate and then died."

74 These are the things which Jesus said while teaching in the
house of worship at Capernaum. 75 Many of Jesus' students
heard these things and said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can
accept it?" 76 Jesus knew that his students were complaining
about this. He asked them, "Does this offend you? 77 Suppose
you were to see me going up to where I was before? 78 The Spirit
is life giving; physical things are not worth very much. The
words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life 79 but some of you
don't believe." (From the very beginning Jesus knew who didn't
believe and which one would turn against him.)

80 Jesus said, "This is why I told you that no one could come
to me if he were not allowed to come by my Father." 81 Because
of this, many of Jesus' students turned back and did not walk
with him anymore. 82 Jesus said to the twelve students, "You
don't want to go away too, do you?" 83 Simon Peter answered

him, "Lord, to whom else can we go? You have the words of eternal life! 84 We have believed and know that you are Christ, the Son of the living God." 85 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose all twelve of you? But one of you is a devil!" 86 Jesus was talking about Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Judas, one of the twelve students, was about to turn against Jesus.

87 After this, Jesus was traveling around in the Galilee. He didn't want to go to the land of Judea because the Jewish leaders were trying to kill him.

Reports about the third year of the work of Jesus.

Jesus teaches about tradition of men.

(Mark 7:01-23, Matthew 15:01-20)

13 [K] *(Capernaum)* [1] Some teachers of the law and some Pharisees came from Jerusalem to get together with Jesus. [2] They saw that some of Jesus' students were eating with unholy (that is, unwashed) hands. [3] (The Pharisees and all the Jewish people won't eat unless they wash their hands with a ceremony. They carefully obey the tradition of the leaders. [4] They won't eat anything from the market place unless they wash it. They have received many other rules about washing cups, pots, and copper bowls which they must obey.) [5] The Pharisees and the teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why are your students breaking the tradition of the elders? They are eating bread with unholy hands!"

[6] Jesus said to them, "How right Isaiah was when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written: 'These people honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. [7] It does no good for them to worship Me. They teach commands made only by men, not God!' [8] You have forgotten about God's command and you are obeying the old commands of man."

[9] Jesus continued to speak to them, "You have a clever way of rejecting God's command so that you may keep your traditions. [10] Moses said, 'You must honor and obey your father and mother.' and, 'The person who curses his father or mother must

die.' 11 But you say that if anyone says to his father or mother, 'It is Corban' (This means: 'Whatever you might have gotten from me is a gift to God.'), 12 then you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or mother. 13 You are taking away the authority of God's teaching by using the traditions of men you have received. And you are doing many other things like this."

14 Again, Jesus called for the crowd. He said to them, "Listen and understand! 15 What goes into the mouth from outside is not able to make a person unholy. No, the things which come out of the mouth make a person unholy. [M] 16 Then Jesus' students came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were insulted when they heard this teaching?" 17 Jesus answered, "Every plant which was not planted by my heavenly Father will be pulled up by the roots. 18 Leave them alone! They are blind guides. If a blind man guides another blind man, both of them will fall into a pit." [K] 19 If any person has ears to hear with, let him use them."

20 Jesus went into a house away from the crowd. His students began asking him about the story. 21 Jesus said to them, "Do you still not understand? You know that everything which goes into a person from the outside is not able to make him unholy. 22 It does not go into his heart. No, it enters his stomach. Then it comes out as waste. (Here Jesus was saying that all foods are clean.) 23 But what comes out of the mouth of a person makes him unholy. 24 These things come from the inside of man's heart: evil thoughts, sexual sin, stealing, murder, 25 unlawful sexual intercourse, greed, all kinds of evil things, treachery, sensuality, jealousy, slander, bragging, foolishness. 26 All these

evil things come from the inside; they make a person unholy."
[M] 27 These are the things which make a person unholy. Eating
with unwashed hands does not make a person unholy!"

Jesus heals a Phoenician woman's daughter.

(Mark 7:24-30, Matthew 15:21-28)

[K] *(near Tyre)* 28 Jesus got up from there and went up to the area
near the city of Tyre. He went into a house. (Jesus didn't want
anyone to know where he was, but it was not possible for him to
hide.) 29 Soon a woman heard about Jesus. Her daughter had an
evil spirit. The woman came and bowed down at Jesus' feet.
30 She was not a Jew. She was born in the land of Phoenicia, an
area of Syria. She kept begging Jesus to throw the demon out of
her daughter. [M] 31 But Jesus did not say a word to her. His stu-
dents came begging him, "Send her away! She is always following
us around, shouting." 32 Jesus answered her, "I was sent only to
the lost sheep of the family of Israel." 33 But she came to Jesus
and bowed down in front of him. She said, "Lord, help me!" [K]
34 Jesus said to her, "Let the children eat first. It is not good to
take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 35 But the
woman answered Jesus, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the
table eat the crumbs from the children!" [M] 36 Then Jesus
answered her, "Woman, you have a strong faith. What you want
will be done for you!" At that moment her daughter was healed.
[K] 37 The woman went back home and found her child lying on
a bed. And the demon was gone.

Jesus heals a mute and deaf man.

(Mark 7:31-37, Matthew 15:29-31)

[K] *(Decapolis)* 38 Jesus left the area near Tyre and went through

the city of Sidon to Lake Galilee and the area of Ten Towns.
39 Some people brought a man to Jesus. They begged Jesus to
put his hand on the man and heal him. The man was deaf. It was
very hard for him to talk. 40 Jesus took the man along with him
to be alone, away from the crowd. Then Jesus put his fingers
into the man's ears, made some spit, and touched the man's
tongue. 41 Looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed. He said to the
man, "Ephphatha!" (This means, "Be opened!" in Aramaic)
42 Then the man could hear clearly and the bond on his speech
was released. He began to talk plainly. 43 Jesus warned them not
to tell anyone about this. But the more he warned them, the
more they proclaimed it! 44 The people were shocked. They said,
"He has done everything well. He causes deaf people to hear and
people who could not speak to speak!" [M] 45 Many people came
to him. They had their sick people with them: the lame, the
blind, the crippled, the deaf, and many others. They laid them at
Jesus' feet and he healed them all. 46 The crowd was amazed
when they saw the deaf talking, crippled people healthy, the lame
walking, and blind people seeing. They praised the God of Israel.

Jesus feeds more than 4000.

(Mark 8:01-09, Matthew 15:32-39)

[K] *(Decapolis)* 47 During that time there was another large crowd.
They didn't have anything to eat. Jesus called his students and
said to them, 48 "I feel sorry for the people. They have stayed
with me for three days without eating anything. 49 I don't want
to send them away hungry; they might faint on the road. Some
of them have come from a long way off." 50 Jesus' students asked
him, "Where could we get enough to satisfy these people in this

far away place?" 51 Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread
do you have?" They answered, "Seven." 52 Jesus ordered the
crowd to sit down on the ground. He took the seven loaves of
bread and thanked God. He divided it and began giving it to his
students so that they could distribute it. The students did so.
53 They had a few fish too. Jesus blessed the fish and told the stu-
dents to distribute them. 54 The people ate and were satisfied.
They gathered up all the pieces of food which were left over.
There were seven baskets full. 55 (There were about 4,000 men.)
Then Jesus sent them away.

Jesus teaches about believing.
(Matthew 16:01-12, Mark 8:10-21)

[M] *(Lake Galilee)* 56 The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus.
They were trying to make Jesus prove to them that he came
from heaven. 57 Jesus answered them, "When evening begins,
you say, 'It will be good weather tomorrow because the sky is
red.' 58 And, in the morning, you say, 'Today it will be stormy
because the sky is red and dark.' You can understand changes in
the sky which show a change in the weather, but you cannot
understand the signs of change of this time. 59 The people who
are living today are evil and not faithful to God. They ask for a
proof from God, but no proof will be given to them except the
Jonah miracle." Then Jesus left them and went away.

60 When Jesus' students went across Lake Galilee, they for-
got to bring along some bread. 61 Jesus said to them, "Be careful!
Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."
62 They started thinking to themselves, "Jesus must have said this
because we didn't bring along any bread." [K] 63 Jesus knew what

was on their mind. He said, "Why are you talking about having
no bread? Don't you know yet? Do you still not understand?
Do you have hard hearts? 64 Do you have eyes, but don't see
clearly? Do you have ears, but do not understand? Surely you
remember [M] 65 Do you still not understand? Do you remember
the five loaves of bread which fed the 5,000 men? Do you
remember how many large baskets of leftovers you picked up?
66 Do you remember the seven loaves of bread which fed the
4,000 men? Do you remember how many small baskets of left-
overs you picked up? 67 Why could you not understand what I
was saying to you? When I said, 'Watch out for the yeast of the
Pharisees and the Sadducees', I was not talking about bread."
68 Then they understood that Jesus was not wanting them to
stay away from the yeast used for bread. Instead, he wanted them
to stay away from the teaching of the Pharisees and the Sad-
ducees.

Jesus heals a blind man.

(Mark 8:22-26)

[K] *(Bethsaida)* 69 Jesus and his students came into Bethsaida. The
people were carrying a blind man to Jesus. They begged Jesus to
touch him. 70 He held the blind man's hand and led him outside
the village. After Jesus spit into the man's eyes, he put his hands
on him. Jesus asked him, "Do you see anything?" 71 The man
looked up and said, "I see people moving around; they look like
trees to me!" 72 Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes again.
Then the man could see; his sight came back. He could see every-
thing clearly. 73 Jesus sent the man home with these words,
"Don't go into the village!"

Peter confesses. Jesus warns the delegates.

(Matthew 16:13-28, Mark 8:27-38, Mark 09:01, Luke 9:18-27)

[M] *(near Caesarea Philippi)* 74 When Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he began to ask his students, "Who do people say I am?" 75 They answered, "Some people say you are John (the one who immersed people). Other people say you are Elijah. And some people say you are Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 76 Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" 77 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

78 "Blessed are you, Simon, son of John. My Father in heaven, not man, showed that to you. 79 Upon this rock foundation," Jesus answered, "I will build my called out people. Death will not overpower them. You are a piece of rock. 80 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will have already been bound in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will have already been loosened in heaven." 81 Then Jesus warned his students not to tell anyone that he is the Messiah.

[K] 82 Jesus began to teach them, "I must suffer many things. I will be rejected by the Jewish elders, the most important priests, and the teachers of the law. I will be killed, but after three days I will be raised from death." 83 Jesus was speaking this message to them very plainly. Yet, Peter came to Jesus and tried to correct him. 84 Jesus turned around and looked at his students. He warned Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are not thinking the way God thinks, but the way man thinks."

85 Jesus called the crowd together with his students. He said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must carry his cross

and follow me. He must say 'no' to himself. 86 The person who
wants to save his life will lose it, but every person who gives his
life to others for me and for the Good News will save it. 87 What
good is it if a person gains the whole world, but loses his own
soul? 88 What can a person use to trade for his soul? 89 If a per-
son in this unfaithful, sinful generation is ashamed of me and
my words, I will be ashamed of him when I come with holy
angels in the glory of my Father."

90 Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: there are
some people standing here who will not die until they have seen
God's kingdom come with power."

Jesus shines brightly.

(Mark 9:02-13, Matthew 17:01-13, Luke 9:28-36)

14 [K] *(Mount Hermon?)* 1 After six days, Jesus took Peter,
Jacob, and John and took them up a tall mountain to
be alone. Jesus' appearance began to change in front of them. [L]
2 While Jesus was praying, his appearance began to change. His
clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. [M] 3 Jesus'
appearance began to change in front of them. His face was shin-
ing like the sun. His clothes became white as light. [K] 4 Moses
and Elijah appeared to them. These two men were talking to
Jesus. [L] 5 Moses and Elijah were shining brightly too. They were
talking with Jesus about his death which was about to be ful-
filled in Jerusalem. 6 Peter and the others were deep in sleep but
they woke up and saw the glory of Jesus. They also saw the two
men who were standing with Jesus. [K] 7 Peter said to Jesus, "Mas-
ter, it is good that we are here. We will make three holy tents: one
for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 8 (He didn't know

what to say; they were afraid.) [M] 9 While Peter was still speaking,
a bright cloud came all around them. Suddenly, a Voice spoke
from the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, and I give Myself to
him, for his good, expecting nothing in return. I am very pleased
with him. He is the one to whom you must listen!" 10 When
Peter, Jacob, and John heard this, they fell to the ground and
bowed. They were very frightened. 11 Jesus came to them and
touched them. He said, "Get up. Don't be afraid." [K] 12 Sud-
denly they looked around. They no longer saw anyone except
Jesus. He was the only one with them.

13 As they were going down the mountain, Jesus ordered
them, "Don't tell anyone about what you saw until I rise from
death." 14 They obeyed and kept it to themselves. But they began
to argue among themselves about what Jesus meant when he
said, "... until I rise from death." 15 They began to ask Jesus,
"Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come
before the Messiah does?" 16 Jesus answered, "Elijah does come
first and he restores all things. Then why is it written that the
Son of Man will suffer many things and be rejected? 17 No, I am
telling you, Elijah did come first! They treated him the way they
wanted to, as it was written about him."

Jesus heals an epileptic child.

(Mark 9:14-32, Matthew 17:14-23, Luke 9:37-45)

[K] *(near Casarea Philippi)* 18 When they got back to the other
students, they saw a large crowd around them. The teachers of
the law were arguing with them. 19 As soon as the whole crowd
saw Jesus, they were very surprised. They ran to him and greeted
him. 20 Jesus asked them, "Why are you arguing with them?"

21 One man in the crowd answered Jesus, "Teacher, I brought my
son to you. He has a spirit that stops him from talking. 22 It
attacks him and throws him down on the ground. He foams at
the mouth and grinds his teeth. His body becomes stiff. I told
your students so that they could throw out the spirit, but they
were not strong enough."

23 Jesus said to them, "You people are a generation with no
faith! How long must I be with you and put up with you? Bring
your son here!"

24 They brought the boy to Jesus. When the evil spirit saw
Jesus, the boy lost control of himself. He fell down on the
ground and began rolling around, foaming at the mouth.
25 Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"
The father said, "Since he was a child. 26 This spirit wants to kill
him. It often throws him into fire or into water. Take pity on us!
Help us, if you are able to!" 27 Jesus said to him, "'If you are
able'? All things are possible for the person who believes."
28 Immediately the boy's father cried out, "I believe! Help me
overcome my unbelief!" 29 When Jesus saw that a crowd was
coming together, he gave an order to the evil spirit, "O spirit that
keeps this boy from talking and hearing, I command you —
come out of him! Never go into him again!" 30 The spirit
screamed and again made the boy fall down and roll around on
the ground. Then the spirit left. The boy looked as if he was
dead. Many people said, "He's dead!" 31 But Jesus took hold of
his hand and raised him up. The boy was on his feet. [M] 32 Then
Jesus' students came to him alone. They asked, "Why were we
not able to throw out the demon?" 33 Jesus answered them,

"Because you have so little faith. I am telling you the truth: if
your faith were the size of the small seed of the mustard plant,
then you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there!'
and the mountain would move. Nothing would be impossible
for you. [K] 34 Jesus answered them, "By fasting and prayer is the
only way that you can throw this kind out."

35 They left there and traveled through the Galilee. Jesus did
not want anyone to know where they were 36 because he was
teaching his students. This is what he was telling them: "I am
being turned over to some men. They will kill me but, three days
after my death, I will rise to life." 37 They did not understand the
meaning of this but they were too afraid to ask him.

A fish provides tax money.

(Matthew 17:24-27)

[M] *(Capernaum)* 38 They came to the town of Capernaum. The
temple tax collectors came to Peter and said, "Your teacher pays
the temple tax, doesn't he?" 39 Peter said, "Yes." When Peter
went into the house, before Peter could say anything, Jesus
spoke, "Simon, what do you think? From whom do kings on
earth take their taxes or tariffs? From their own sons or from
other people?" 40 Peter said, "From other people." Jesus said to
him, "So their sons are free from being taxed. 41 However, we
don't want to offend them. Go to the lake and throw in your
hook. Take the first fish that comes up. When you have opened
its mouth, you will find a coin. Take it and use it to pay the tem-
ple tax for you and me."

Jesus teaches about including.

(Mark 9:33-50, Luke 9:46-50, Matthew 18:01-14)

[K] *(Capernaum)* 42 They came to the town of Capernaum. After
they had gone into a house, Jesus began to ask them questions,
"What were you arguing about along the road?" 43 They
wouldn't answer him because on the road they were arguing
with one another about who was the most important. 44 Jesus
sat down and called for the twelve delegates. He said to them, "If
one of you wants to be number one, he should be in last place.
He should serve everyone." 45 Jesus took a small child and stood
him in the middle of them. He put his arms around the child
and said to them,

[M] 46 He said, "I am telling you the truth: if you don't
change and become like little children, you will never enter the
kingdom of heaven. 47 The person who humbles himself like this
little child is the most important one in the kingdom of heaven.
48 The person who, in my name, welcomes a little child such as
this one welcomes me. [K] 49 "The person who welcomes one of
the children like this one in my name welcomes me. And when a
person welcomes me, that person welcomes the One who sent
me."

50 John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone throwing
out demons by using your name. He was not following us! We
kept telling him to stop because he was not following us." 51 But
Jesus said, "Don't stop him. There is no one who can perform a
miracle in my name and then say something evil about me. 52 If
someone is not against us, he is for us.

53 "If anyone gives you a cup of water in my name because

you belong to the Messiah, I am telling you the truth, that person will not lose his reward.

54 "If someone causes one of these little ones to sin who
believe in me, it would be better for him to have a large rock
hanging around his neck and to be thrown into the sea.

[M] 55 "It will be horrible for the world because of the things
which cause people to sin. Things will surely happen which will
cause people to sin. But it will be horrible for the person who
causes this to happen.

[K] 56 "If your hand makes you sin, cut it off! It would be bet-
ter for you to go into eternal life injured than to go away with
two hands into hell, where the fire cannot be put out. 57 Where:
'Their worms never die, and the fire never goes out.'

58 "If your foot makes you sin, cut it off! It would be better
for you to go into eternal life crippled than to be thrown into
hell having two feet, 59 where: 'Their worms never die, and the
fire never goes out.'

60 "If your eye makes you sin, throw it away! It would be bet-
ter for you to go into the kingdom of God with only one eye
than to be thrown into hell with two eyes. 61 Hell is where:
'Their worms never die, and the fire never goes out.'

62 "Every person will be salted with fire — 63 salt is a good
thing but if the salt loses its salty taste, then it is no good. You
cannot make it salty again. Have salt in yourselves; be at peace
with one another." [M] 64 Don't treat one of these little ones as if
they were not important. I tell you, their angels in heaven are
always looking at my heavenly Father's face.

65 "For I came to save that which was lost. 66 What do you

think? Suppose a man has 100 sheep, but one of them wanders
away. Then he will leave the other 99 on the hillside and go out
and look for the sheep that wandered away. 67 I am telling you
the truth: when he finds it, he will be happier about it than the
99 sheep that did not wander away. 68 In the same way, your
heavenly Father doesn't want any of these little ones to be lost.

Jesus teaches about mercy.

(Matthew 18:15-35)

[M] *(Capernaum)* 69 If your brother or sister does something
wrong, go to him or her. Give that person a private warning, just
between you and that person. If he or she listens to you, you
have won a brother or sister. 70 But if he or she will not listen to
you, take one or two people along with you because: 'The testi-
mony of two or three people is true.' 71 If that person doesn't
want to listen to them, then tell the called out people. And if he
or she won't listen to the called out people, have nothing to do
with them. Treat him like tax collectors or infidels. 72 I am telling
you the truth: whatever you bind on earth will have already been
bound in heaven. Whatever you loosen on earth will have
already been loosened in heaven.

73 "Again, I am telling you, if two people on earth agree to
ask God for anything, my heavenly Father will make it happen
for them. 74 Wherever two or three people have gathered in my
name, I am there."

75 Then Peter came to Jesus and said, "Lord, how many
times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Seven
times?"

76 Jesus said to him, "I am not saying seven, but seven times

seventy! 77 The kingdom of heaven is like a man who is ruling.
He wanted to make his slaves give an account. 78 When the audit
began, a man who owed the ruler several kilograms of gold came
to him. 79 The man couldn't repay. So the master ordered that
his wife, children, and everything he owned be sold to pay the
debt. 80 The slave fell down and began bowing to him. He said,
'Be patient with me! I will pay you back everything!' 81 The mas-
ter felt sorry for that slave. He canceled his debt and allowed him
to leave.

82 "However, the same slave went out and found another
slave who owed him three months' wages. He grabbed that slave
and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay me what you owe me!'
83 The slave fell down and began to beg him, 'Be patient with
me! I will pay you back!' 84 But he wouldn't do it. Instead, he
went and threw the slave in jail until he could repay what he
owed. 85 When the other slaves saw what had taken place, they
felt very sad. They went and told the whole story to their master.
86 Then the master of the first slave came to him and said, 'You
evil slave! You begged me, so I cancelled your whole debt. 87 You
should have given mercy to your fellow slave as I did to you!'
88 The master became very angry. He handed the slave over to
some men to punish him until he paid back everything he owed.
89 My heavenly Father will treat you the same way if each of you
does not forgive his brother or sister from his heart."

Jesus goes to the Festival of Tents.

(John 7:02-10)

[J] *(Samaria)* 90 The time for the Jewish Festival of Tents was
near. 91 Jesus' brothers said to him, "Get away from here and go

to Judea so that your students may see the works you are doing.
92 If someone wants to be famous, he doesn't hide the things he
is doing. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the
world!" 93 (Even Jesus' brothers did not believe in him.)

94 Then Jesus said to them, "It is not yet the right time for
me. There is always a good time for you. 95 The people of the
world cannot hate you. They hate me because I tell the truth
about them — their lives are evil! 96 You should go on up to the
feast in Jerusalem. I am not going up to this feast just yet. The
time is not yet ripe for me."

97 After he said these things, Jesus stayed in the Galilee.
98 After Jesus' brothers went up to Jerusalem for the feast, Jesus
also went up there, but Jesus did it secretly.

Jesus teaches in the Temple.

(John 7:11-53)

15 [J] *(Jerusalem)*[1] The Jewish leaders were looking for him
at the festival. They continued to ask, "Where is that
man?" 2 Many people in the crowd were arguing about Jesus.
Some were saying, "He is a good man." Others were saying, "No,
he fools the people!" 3 But no one was talking about Jesus openly
because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.

4 The festival was already half over when Jesus came up to
Jerusalem to the temple. Jesus began to teach the people. 5 The
Jewish leaders were amazed. They asked, "How did this man
learn so much? He never went to school!"

6 Then Jesus said to them, "My teaching does not belong to
me; it comes from the One who sent me. 7 If anyone will do
what God wants, that person will find out whether my teaching

comes from God or if I am speaking on my own. 8 The person who speaks on his own is trying to get glory for himself, but the person who wants glory to go to the One who sent him is honest. There is no wrong in him. 9 Moses gave you the law but not one of you is obeying the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

10 The crowd answered, "You have a devil! Who is trying to kill you?"

11 Jesus answered them, "I did one miracle on the Sabbath day and all of you are amazed. 12 Yet you will circumcise a child on the Sabbath day. Moses gave you circumcision! Actually, circumcision did not come from Moses, but from our ancestors. 13 Since a child can receive circumcision on the Sabbath day so that the law of Moses won't be broken, why are you so angry with me? I made a man completely well on the Sabbath day. 14 Don't judge by the way things look! Judge rightfully."

15 Some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "This is the man whom the Jewish leaders are trying to kill. 16 And look, he speaks in the open and they are saying nothing to him about it! Is it possible that the leaders know he is the Messiah? 17 But we know where this man comes from. When the Messiah comes, no one will know where he comes from!"

18 While Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courtyard, Jesus cried out, "Do you know me? Do you know where I come from? I have not come on my own. However, the One who sent me is true. You don't know Him! 19 But I know Him because I was with Him. He sent me!"

20 Then they tried to arrest Jesus. But no one laid a hand on him because his time had not yet come.

21 Many people in the crowd believed in Jesus. They said,
"When the Messiah comes, will he do more miracles than this
man has done?" 22 The Pharisees heard the crowd arguing these
things about Jesus. The most important priests and the Phar-
isees sent some guards to arrest Jesus.

23 Then Jesus said, "I will be with you a little while longer,
but then I must go to the One who sent me. 24 You will search
for me but you won't find me. I will be where you cannot
come."

25 Then the Jewish leaders thought to themselves, "Where is
he about to go so that we cannot find him? He wouldn't go to
the Jews who live in the Greek cities, would he? Would he teach
non-Jewish people there? Surely not! 26 What is the meaning of
what he said: 'You will search for me but you won't find me.'
and, 'Where I am, you cannot come.'?"

27 On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus
stood and cried out, "If you are thirsty, come to me and drink!
28 The person who believes in me will be like the Scripture
which says: 'A river of fresh water will flow from his belly.'"
29 (Here Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit whom the ones
believing in him were about to receive. The Holy Spirit had not
yet been given because Jesus had not yet been raised to glory.)

30 Some of the people in the crowd heard these words. They
said, "Surely he is the prophet!" 31 Other people said, "This man
is the Messiah!" Still others said, "Shall Messiah come from the
Galilee! 32 The Scripture said that the coming Messiah would be
from David's family and from Bethlehem, the village where
David lived." 33 So the people in the crowd were divided because

of Jesus. 34 Some of them were wanting to arrest him but no one laid a hand on him.

35 Later, the guards came back to the most important priests and Pharisees. They asked the guards, "Why didn't you bring back Jesus?"

36 The guards answered, "No man ever spoke like this!"

37 The Pharisees answered them, "You haven't been fooled too, have you? 38 None of the Jewish leaders or the Pharisees have believed in Jesus, have they? 39 This crowd is ignorant of the law. They should be cursed!"

40 Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees. (Remember, he had come to Jesus before.) He said to them, 41 "Our law does not condemn a man without hearing from him first. We must find out what he is doing."

42 They answered Nicodemus, "Are you also from the Galilee? Search the Scriptures and you will see that no prophet comes from the Galilee."

43 Then each one of them went home.

Woman accused of adultery.

(John 8:01-11)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 44 Jesus went to the Hill of Olives. 45 Early the next morning Jesus went back to the temple courtyard. All the people were coming to him. He sat down and began teaching them. 46 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought a woman to Jesus. They had caught her committing unlawful sexual intercourse. They made her stand in the center.

47 They said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing unlawful sexual intercourse. 48 In the

law Moses commanded us to stone such people to death. What
do you say about her?" 49 (They were saying this to test Jesus.
They wanted to get something which they could use to accuse
him.)

Jesus bent down and wrote something on the ground with
his finger.

50 They continued to ask Jesus questions.

Jesus stood up and said to them, "The one among you who
has not sinned should throw the first stone at her!" 51 Jesus bent
down again and continued writing on the ground.

52 When they heard this, having guilty consciences, they
began to leave one by one from the oldest on down. Jesus was
the only one left. The woman was still standing there too.
53 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Is
anyone condemning you?"

54 She answered, "No one, Lord." Jesus said, "I am not con-
demning you either. Go, and from now on, don't sin anymore!"

Light of the World.

(John 8:12-59)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 55 Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, "I am
the light for the people of the world. The person who follows
me will never walk in darkness. Instead, he will have the light of
life." 56 Then the Pharisees said to Jesus, "You are testifying on
your own behalf; your proof is not true!" 57 Jesus answered
them, "Even though I am testifying on my own behalf, my proof
is still true because I know where I came from and where I am
going. But you don't know where I came from or where I'm
going. 58 You judge in a human way; I am not judging anyone

now. 59 But if I were to judge, my decision would be right
because I am not alone — the Father who sent me is with me
too. 60 In your law this is written, 'The testimony of two people
is true.' 61 So I am testifying on my own behalf and the Father
who sent me is testifying for me too."

62 The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Where is your father?"

Jesus answered, "You don't know me or my Father. If you
knew me, you would know my Father." 63 Jesus spoke these
words while he was teaching in the temple courtyard. He was
near the place where the offering boxes were placed. No one
arrested Jesus because his time had not yet come.

64 Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away and you
will search for me, but you will die in your sins. You cannot
come where I am going."

65 The Jewish leaders asked, "Will he kill himself? He said,
'You cannot come where I am going.'"

66 Jesus said to them, "You come from below. I come from
above. You come from this world. I do not come from this
world. 67 I told you that you would die in your sins. If you don't
believe that I am the one, you will die in your sins."

68 Then they asked, "Who are you?"

Jesus answered them, "I am what I have been telling you all
along! 69 There are many things I have to judge and to say about
you. However, the One who sent me is true. I tell the people in
the world only what I have heard from my Father."

70 They did not understand that Jesus was talking to them
about the heavenly Father. 71 So Jesus said this to them: "You
will know that I am the one when you raise me high. I do noth-

ing on my own. I am only saying the things which the Father teaches me. 72 The One who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to Him."

73 While Jesus was speaking, many people believed in him.

74 Jesus was talking with the Jews who had believed in him, saying, "If you continue in my teaching, you are truly my students. 75 You will find the truth, and the truth will set you free."

76 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants. We have never been slaves to any man. How can you say, 'You will be free'?"

77 Jesus answered them, "I am telling you the truth: every person who practices sin is a slave of sin. 78 A slave does not live in the house forever, but a son will always live there. 79 If the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

80 "I know that you are descendants of Abraham, but you are trying to kill me because you cannot find room in your hearts for my teaching. 81 I talk about the things which I saw while I was with the Father. You do the things which you hear from your father. 82 They answered Jesus, "Abraham is our father!" Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the things that Abraham did. 83 Abraham would not have done this, but now you are trying to kill me. I have told you the truth which I heard when I was with God. 84 You are doing the things your father does." They said to Jesus, "The only Father we have is God; we are not illegitimate!" 85 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would give yourselves to me, for my good, expecting nothing in return. I am here now and I came from God. I didn't come on my own — God sent

me.

86 "Why do you not understand what I am saying? You cannot listen to my teaching. 87 You come from your father, the devil. You want to do the sinful things that your father wants. The devil was a murderer from the very beginning. He does not stand with the truth because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is only talking naturally because he is a liar and the father of lies. 88 But I am telling you the truth and that is why you don't believe me.

89 "Can one of you prove that I am guilty of sin? Since I always tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 90 The person who comes from God listens to God. This is why you won't listen — you are not from God!"

91 The Jewish leaders answered, "How right we are when we say that you are a Samaritan; you have a demon!"

92 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon. I honor my Father, but you don't honor me. 93 I'm not looking for glory for myself, but there is One who is looking for glory for me; He is the judge. 94 I am telling you the truth: if anyone obeys my teaching, he will never die!"

95 Then the Jewish leaders said to Jesus, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham and the prophets died. Yet you say, 'If anyone obeys my teaching he will never die.' 96 You are not more important than Abraham, our ancestor, are you? He died. The prophets died too. Just who do you think you are?"

97 Jesus answered, "If I were trying to get glory for myself, my glory would be worth nothing. The One who is giving me glory is my Father. You are saying, 'He is our God!' 98 But you

don't know Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be like you — a liar! But I really do know Him and I obey His teaching.

99 "Abraham, your ancestor, was very happy to see my day; he saw it and was glad."

100 Then the Jewish leaders said to Jesus, "You are not yet 50 years old — and you have seen Abraham?"

101 Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: Before Abraham was, '**I AM**'!"

102 They picked up stones to throw at Jesus but he left the temple courtyard and kept out of sight.

Jesus sends 72 delegates.

(Luke 10:01-24)

16 [L] *(Jerusalem?)* 1 After this, the Lord Jesus chose 72 more men. He sent the men out in pairs ahead of him into every town and place where he was planning to go. 2 Jesus said to them, "The harvest is great but there are not many workers. Pray that the Owner of the harvest will send more workers out into the harvest field. 3 So you may go now. But listen, I am sending you like lambs into a pack of wolves. 4 Don't carry a pack, a bag, or extra shoes. Don't stop to talk with people along the road. 5 Before you go into a house, say, 'Peace be to this home.' 6 If a peaceful man lives there, your blessing of peace will stay upon him. However, if he is not peaceful, then your blessing of peace will come back upon you. 7 Stay in the peaceful house. Eat and drink what the people there give you. A worker should be given his pay. Don't move from that house to stay in another house. 8 If you go into a town and the people welcome you, eat

what they give you.

9 "Heal the sick people who live there. Then tell them: 'The
kingdom of God is very near to you!' 10 But if you go into a town
and the people don't welcome you, then go out into the streets
of that town and say: 11 'Even the dust from your town which
sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. But know this: the
kingdom of God is very near!' 12 I tell you, on the Judgment Day,
God will punish the people of that town more than He will
punish the people of Sodom!

13 "How horrible it will be for you, O town of Chorazin!
How horrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! Many miracles have
occurred in you. If these same miracles had occurred in Tyre and
Sidon, then those people in Tyre and Sidon would have changed
their hearts and actions long ago. 14 But on the Judgment Day,
God will punish you more than the people of Tyre and Sidon.
15 And you, Capernaum, do you think you will be lifted up to
heaven? You will be thrown down to Hades! 16 When a person
listens to what you say, he is really listening to me. When a per-
son rejects you, I am the one he is rejecting. When a person
rejects me, he is actually rejecting the One who sent me."

17 When the 72 men returned, they were very happy. They
said, "Lord, when we used your name, even the demons obeyed
us!" 18 Jesus said to them, "I was watching Satan fall, as lightning
falls from the sky. 19 Listen! I have given you the authority to
walk on dangerous snakes and scorpions — even more power
than the enemy has. Nothing will ever hurt you! 20 The evil spir-
its obey you. This is true, but don't be happy for that reason.
Instead, be happy because your names are written in heaven."

21 In that hour the Holy Spirit made Jesus rejoice. Jesus said,
"Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I praise You because You have
hidden these teachings from the 'wise' and 'intelligent' people,
yet You reveal Your teachings to little children. Yes, Father, I
praise You because this is what You really wanted to do.

22 "My Father has given me all things. Only the Father knows
who the Son is. And only the Son knows who the Father is. The
only people who will know about the Father are those whom the
Son chooses to tell."

23 Then Jesus turned to his students who were there alone
with him. Jesus said, "You are very blessed to see what you now
see! 24 I tell you, many prophets and kings wanted to see what
you now see. And many prophets and kings wanted to hear what
you now hear but they didn't."

Example of a Samaritan.

(Luke 10:25-37)

[L] *(Judea)* 25 Then a teacher of the law stood up. (He was trying
to test Jesus.) He asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to get
eternal life?" 26 Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law?
What do you read there?" 27 The man answered, "'You must give
yourself to the Lord your God, for His good, expecting nothing
in return, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your
strength, and with all your mind.' Also, 'You must give yourself
to your neighbor, for his good, expecting nothing in return, the
same way you do to yourself.'" 28 Jesus said to him, "You have
answered correctly. Do this and you will have life forever." 29 But
the man wanted to make himself look good. So he said to Jesus,
"But ... who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus understood what the man

meant. So Jesus said, "A man was going down the road from
Jerusalem to Jericho. Some bandits surrounded him. They tore
off his clothes and beat him up. Then they left him lying there
on the ground. He was almost dead. 31 By chance, a Jewish priest
was going down that same road. When the priest saw the man,
he just walked away. 32 Next, a Levite came to the spot too. The
Levite saw him but he went around him; he also walked away.
33 A Samaritan man was traveling down the road. He came to the
place where the man was lying. When he saw the man, he felt
sorry for him. 34 The Samaritan went to him and poured olive oil
and wine on his wounds. Then he bandaged the man's wounds.

"The Samaritan had a donkey. He put the man on his don-
key and took him to an inn where he took care of him. 35 The
next day the Samaritan brought out two silver coins and gave
them to the person who worked at the inn. The Samaritan said,
'Take care of this man. If you spend any more money on him
than this, I'll pay you back when I return.'"

36 Then Jesus said, "Which one of these three men do you
think was a real neighbor to the one who was hurt by the
thieves?" 37 The teacher of the law answered, "The one who
showed mercy to him." Jesus said to him, "Then you go and do
the same thing!"

Martha and Mary.
(Luke 10:38-42)

[L] *(Bethany)* 38 While Jesus and his students were traveling, Jesus
went into a village. A woman named Martha welcomed him.
39 Martha had a sister named Mary. Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet
and listening to his message but her sister Martha was doing the

housework. 40 Martha became angry because she had so much
work to do. She went in and said, "Lord, don't you care that my
sister has left me alone to do all the housework? Tell her to help
me!" 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are
getting worried and upset about too many things. 42 Only one
thing is important. Mary has made the right choice; and this will
never be taken away from her."

Jesus teaches about prayer.

(Luke 11:01-13)

[L] *(Judea)* 43 One time Jesus was somewhere praying. When he
stopped, one of his students said to him, "John taught his stu-
dents how to pray. Lord, please teach us how to pray too."

44 Jesus said to them, "When you pray, pray like this:

'Our Father who is in heaven, may Your name always be kept
holy. May Your kingdom come. May Your will be done in earth
as in heaven. 45 Give us the food we need each day. 46 Forgive us
of the sins we have committed because we, too, forgive everyone
who has done wrong to us. And don't lead us into temptation,
but rescue us from evil.'"

47 Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you went to
your friend's house in the middle of the night and said to him,
'Please give me three loaves of bread. 48 A friend of mine has
come into town to visit me but I have nothing for him to eat.'
49 Your friend inside the house answers, 'Go away! Don't bother
me! The door is already locked. My children and I are in bed. I
cannot get up and give it to you.' 50 I tell you, perhaps friendship
is not enough to make him get up to give you the bread. How-
ever, he will surely get up to give you what you need because you

are not ashamed to continue asking. 51 So I tell you, continue
asking and it will be given to you. Keep searching and you will
find. Knock and the door will open for you. 52 You will receive if
you will always ask. You will find if you keep looking. And the
door will open for you if you continue knocking."

53 "Do any of you have a son? What would you do if your
son asked you for a fish? Would any father give his son a snake?
No, you would give him a fish. 54 Or if your son asks for an egg,
would you give him a scorpion? 55 You are evil men, yet you
know how to give good gifts to your children. Surely your heav-
enly Father knows how to give the Holy Spirit to those people
who ask Him."

Jesus casts a demon out of a man.

(Luke 11:14-28)

[L] *(Judea)* 56 One time Jesus was casting a demon out of a man
who couldn't talk. When the demon came out, the man was able
to speak. The crowds were amazed. 57 But some of the people
said, "Jesus throws demons out by using the power of Beelze-
bub, the ruler of demons." 58 Other people were trying to make
Jesus prove that he came from God.

59 But Jesus knew what they were thinking. He said to them,
"Every kingdom which is divided against itself will be ruined.
And a family that does not work together will break apart. 60 So
if Satan is fighting against himself, then he is divided. How
could his kingdom stay together? You claim that I throw out
demons by using the power of Beelzebub; 61 but if I cast out
demons by using the power of Beelzebub, than by whose power
do your own sons cast them out? Because of this, your own peo-

ple prove you are wrong. 62 However, if it is true that I use the
finger of God to cast out demons, then God's kingdom has
come upon you!

63 "When a strong man guards his own house with many
weapons, his house is safe. 64 But suppose a stronger man comes
and defeats him. The stronger man will take away the weapons
in which the first man had trusted to keep his house safe. Then
the stronger man will keep the things he wants. 65 If a person is
not with me, he is against me. The person, who does not work
with me, scatters.

66 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through
dry places looking for a place to rest. If the spirit does not find a
place, it says, 'I will go back to the house from which I came.'
67 And so it goes and finds that house cleaned up and orderly.
68 Then the evil spirit goes and brings seven other spirits worse
than itself. They go into that man and live there. And that man
has even more trouble than he had before."

69 When Jesus said these things, a woman from the crowd
spoke up, "Your mother, who gave birth to you and nursed you,
must be very happy!" 70 But Jesus said, "The people who hear
the message of God and keep it are the ones who are truly
happy!"

Jesus warns about faith.

(Luke 11:29-36)

[L] *(Judea)* 71 The group of people grew larger and larger. Jesus
said, "The people living today are evil. They ask for proof from
God but no proof will be given to them except the Jonah mira-
cle. 72 Jonah's coming was a warning to those people who lived

in the city of Nineveh. It is the same with me. I am the warning to the people of this time.

73 "The Queen of Sheba will rise up on the Judgment Day with the men of this time and she will condemn them. Why? Because she came a very long way to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, yet I am greater than Solomon! 74 On the Judgment Day the men from the city of Nineveh will condemn the people of this time because when Jonah preached to them, they changed their hearts. I am greater than Jonah!

75 "No one puts a light under a basket and hides it. Instead, a person puts the light on the table so that everyone who comes in may see. 76 Your eye is like a lamp for the body. When your eye sees clearly, the whole body is made bright. However, if your eye is dark with sin, then your whole body is dark. 77 So be careful! Don't let the light in you become dark. 78 If your whole body is bright, and none of it is dark, then you will shine brightly as lightning does."

Jesus warns Pharisees and teachers.

(Luke 11:37-54)

[L] *(Judea)* 79 While Jesus spoke, a Pharisee asked Jesus to eat with him. So Jesus came and sat at the table. 80 But the Pharisee was surprised when he saw that Jesus didn't wash his hands before the meal. 81 The Lord Jesus said to him, "You Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are greedy and full of evil. 82 You are foolish! The same One who made the outside of you also made the inside. 83 The next time you give to the poor people, give yourself (heart) too. Then you will be completely clean.

84 "But it will be horrible for you, you Pharisees! It is true
that you give God ten percent of everything you have. You even
give Him ten percent of all the little plants in your gardens —
mint, rue, or other seasoning herbs, but you forget to give to
Him, for His good, expecting nothing in return, and you forget
to be fair to other people. You should always tithe, but you must
remember to do the more important things too.

85 "It will be horrible for you, you Pharisees, because you
give yourselves to things, to have the most important seats in the
houses of worship. You give yourselves to feelings, to have the
respect that people give you in the marketplaces. 86 It will be hor-
rible for you because you are like hidden graves. People walk on
them without knowing it."

87 One of the teachers of the law said to Jesus, "Teacher,
when you say these things about the Pharisees, you are insulting
our group too."

88 Jesus answered, "It will be horrible for you too, you teach-
ers of the law! You put heavy loads on people which are hard for
them to carry, but you yourselves don't even begin to help peo-
ple carry those loads. 89 It will be horrible for you because you
build tombs for the prophets, but these are the same prophets
whom your ancestors killed! 90 And now you show everyone that
you agree with what your fathers did. They killed the prophets,
and you build tombs for the prophets!

91 "This is why the wisdom of God said, 'I will send prophets
and delegates to them. Some of my prophets and delegates will
be killed by evil men. Others will be hunted down.' 92 But you
people will have to answer for the deaths of all the prophets who

were killed since the beginning of the world. 93 You will have to answer for everything from the murder of Abel to the murder of Zechariah. (Zechariah was killed between the altar and the temple.) 94 It will be horrible for you, you teachers of the law! You have hidden the key to learning about God. You yourselves would not learn and you also stopped others from learning."

95 As Jesus was leaving, the teachers of the law and the Pharisees began to give him a lot of trouble. They asked Jesus questions about many things. 96 They hoped that Jesus would say something wrong. They were trying to trap him with something that he might say.

Jesus warns about persecution.

(Luke 12:01-12)

17 [L] *(Judea)* 1 Many thousands of people came together. There were so many people that they were stepping on each other. Before Jesus began to speak to the people, he said to his students, "Be careful of the yeast of the Pharisees — they act as if they are good men, but they are not. 2 Everything which is hidden will be found out, and everything that is secret will be made known. 3 The things you say in the dark will be heard in the light. The things you whisper in secret rooms will be proclaimed from the tops of houses."

4 "I tell you, my children, don't be afraid of people. People can kill the body but, after that, they can do nothing more to hurt you. 5 I will show you the One for whom to have awesome respect. You should have awesome respect for God who has authority over you to throw you into hell after you die. Yes, I tell you, He is the One you should have awesome respect for. 6 Five

sparrows are sold for only a few small coins, but God doesn't
forget about any of them. 7 Yes, God even knows how many hairs
you have on your head. Don't be afraid. You are worth much
more than many sparrows.

8 "I tell you, if anyone says he believes in me in front of other
people, then I will speak for him in front of the angels of God.
9 But if anyone denies me in front of people, then I will deny
him in front of the angels of God. 10 If a person says something
against me, he may be forgiven. However, a person who says evil
things against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

11 "When people bring you into the houses of worship
before the leaders and other men with authority, don't worry
about how you will answer their questions. Don't worry about
what you will say. 12 At that time the Holy Spirit will teach you
what you must say."

Jesus warns about greed.

(Luke 12:13-59)

[L] *(Judea)* 13 One of the men in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher,
tell my brother to share my father's money with me!" 14 But
Jesus said to him, "Sir, no one chose me to be a judge between
you two." 15 Then Jesus said to them, "Be careful and guard
against all kinds of greed. A person's life is not measured by the
things he owns."

16 Then Jesus used this example:

"There was a rich man who had some land which grew a
very good crop. 17 The rich man was thinking to himself, 'What
will I do? I have no place in which to keep all my crops.' 18 Then
the rich man said, 'I know what I will do. I will tear down my

barns and build bigger ones! I will put together all of my wheat
and good things in my new barns. 19 Then I can say to myself, "I
have many good things stored. I have saved enough for many
years. Relax, eat, drink, celebrate!".'

20 But God said to that man, 'Foolish man! Tonight you will
die. So what about the things you prepared? Who will own
those things now?'

21 "This is how it will be for the one who saves things only
for himself. To God he is not rich." 22 Jesus said to his students,
"I say this to you because you shouldn't worry about what you
will eat to stay alive. You shouldn't worry about what clothes
you will wear. 23 You shouldn't worry, because life is more
important than food. The body is more important than clothes.

24 "Notice the birds: they don't plant seeds or harvest them.
Birds do not store their food in barns, yet God takes care of
them. And you are worth so much more than birds. 25 None of
you can grow a half meter taller by worrying about it. 26 If you
cannot do a little thing like that, then why worry about the big
things? 27 Notice how the wild flowers grow. They don't work or
make clothes for themselves. But I tell you, even Solomon, with
all his beautiful clothes, was not dressed as well as one of these
flowers. 28 Why do you have so little faith? Look at how well
God clothes the grass in the fields, but the grass is here today and
thrown into the oven tomorrow to be burned. Wouldn't God
dress you so much better? You are much more important than
the grass in the fields. Don't have so little faith!

29 "So don't be wondering or worrying about what you will
eat or what you will drink. 30 People without God put all these

things first but your heavenly Father knows you need these
things. 31 So put His kingdom first and all of the things you need
will be given to you.

32 "Don't be afraid, little flock, your heavenly Father wants
to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell the things you have and give that
money to people who need it. Money does not last so don't trust
in it. Let your riches be the treasure which is in heaven where it
will never be stolen or destroyed. 34 The place where your trea-
sure is will also be the place where your heart is.

35 "Be ready; be completely dressed and have your lights on.
36 Be like men who are waiting for their master to come home
from a wedding party. The master comes and knocks. The slaves
open the door for the master. 37 Those slaves will be blessed
when their master comes home because he sees that his slaves are
ready for him. I am telling you the truth: the master will dress
for work and tell the slaves to sit at the table. Then the master
will come and serve them. 38 Those slaves might have to wait all
night long for their master, but they will be happy when their
master comes in and finds them still waiting.

39 "Pay attention to this: suppose a man has a house. If the
man knew the exact time a thief would come to rob him, the
man would not allow the thief to break into his house.

40 So be ready! I will come at a time when you don't expect
me!"

41 Peter said, "Lord, did you give this example for us or for
everyone?"

42 The Lord Jesus said, "Well, who is the wise and trusted
servant? Who is the servant whom the master can choose to take

care of the master's family and the other servants, to give out the proper amount of food at the right time? 43 When the master comes and finds him doing the work he gave him, that slave will be very happy. 44 I am telling the truth: the master will choose him to take care of everything the master owns.

45 "But if that slave thinks that his master will not come back soon, then he will begin to beat the other slaves, both men and women. He will also eat too much and get drunk. 46 Then the master of that slave will come when he is not ready, at a time when he is not expecting the master. Then the master will punish him and send him away. This is what the master does to all of the slaves he cannot trust. 47 That slave knew what his master wanted him to do but he didn't try to do it. So he will be punished with a hard whipping! 48 What about the slave who didn't know what his master wanted? Although the slave did things which deserve punishment, he will get less punishment. Any person who has been given much will be responsible for much. Much more will be expected from the person who has been given more.

49 "I came to set the world on fire; I wish it were already burning! 50 I must be immersed with one more immersion; how hard pressed I feel until it is finished! 51 Do you think I came to bring peace to the world? No! I came to divide the world! 52 From now on a family with five people will be divided, three against two, and two against three. 53 A father and son will be divided: the son will be against his father; the father will be against his son. A mother and her daughter will be divided: the daughter will be against her mother; the mother will be against

her daughter. A mother-in-law and her daughter-in-law will be divided: the daughter-in-law will be against her mother-in-law; the mother-in-law will be against her daughter-in-law."

54 Then Jesus said to the crowds, "When you see clouds in the west growing bigger, immediately you say, 'A rainstorm is coming.' And soon it starts to rain. 55 When you feel the wind begin to blow from the south, you say, 'It will be a hot day.' And it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You can understand the weather but you don't know the importance of what is happening now. 57 Can't you decide for yourselves what is right?

58 "When a person is suing you, and you are going with him to court, try hard to settle it on the way to court. If you don't, then he may take you to the judge, and the judge will throw you in jail. 59 And you will never get out of there until they have taken everything you have."

Jesus warns about changing your hearts.
(Luke 13:01-05)

[L] *(Judea)* 60 At that time some people came to Jesus. They told Jesus about what had happened to some people from the Galilee: Pilate had killed those people while they were worshipping, mixing their own blood with the blood of the animals that they were sacrificing. 61 Jesus answered, "Do you think this happened to those Galileans because they were more sinful than all others from the Galilee? 62 No, they were not! However, I am telling you, if all of you don't change your hearts, then you will be destroyed as they were! 63 What about those 18 people who died when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think those people were more sinful than all others who live in Jerusalem?

64 They were not! But I tell you, if all of you don't change your
hearts, then you will be destroyed too!"

Example of a fig tree.

(Luke 13:06-09)

[L] *(Jerusalem)* 65 Jesus gave this example:

"A man had a fig tree. He planted the tree in his field. The
man came looking for some fruit on the tree but he found none.
66 So the man said to his servant who took care of the field, 'Lis-
ten, I have been looking for fruit on this fig tree for three years
but I never find any. Chop it down! Why should it waste the
ground?' 67 But the servant answered, 'Master, let the tree have
one more year to produce fruit. Let me dig up the dirt around it
and put on some fertilizer. 68 Perhaps the tree will yield fruit next
year. If it still does not produce, then you can chop it down.'"

Jesus heals a blind man.

(John 9:01-41)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 69 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who
had been born blind. 70 Jesus' students asked him, "Rabbi, who
sinned, this person or his parents, to cause him to be born
blind?"

71 Jesus answered, "This person did not sin, nor did his par-
ents sin. No, this occurred so that God's deeds might be shown
in this man's life. 72 I must do the tasks of the One who sent me
while it is still daytime. Night is coming. No one can work then.
73 I am light for the people of the world while I am in the world."

74 After Jesus said these things, he spit on the ground and
made some mud with it. Then he rubbed it on the blind man's
eyes.

75 Jesus said to him, "Go, wash yourself in the pool of
Siloam." (This word means 'Sent'.)

Then the blind man went away and washed himself and
came back with sight! 76 Then the people who used to see him
before (when he was a beggar) and his neighbors were saying,
"This is the man who used to sit and beg!" 77 Other people were
saying, "It's him!" Still others were saying, "No, but he looks like
him."

But the man himself continued to say, "I'm the one!"

78 They asked again and again, "How come you can see?"

79 The man answered, "A man called Jesus made some mud
and rubbed it on my eyes. Then he told me, 'Go to Siloam and
wash yourself.' So I went there and washed myself, and now I
can see!"

80 They asked him, "Where is Jesus?" The blind man
answered, "I don't know."

81 They brought the man who was once blind to the Phar-
isees. 82 (Jesus had made the mud and opened the blind man's
eyes on the Sabbath day. 83 Again, the Pharisees kept asking the
blind man how he could see.

The man said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed
myself, and I can see."

84 Some of the Pharisees were saying, "This man is not from
God because he does not keep the Sabbath day!"

But others were asking, "How could a sinful man perform
such miracles?" They were divided among themselves.

85 They asked the man again, "What do you say about Jesus?
Do you believe he opened your eyes?"

The man answered, "He is a prophet."

86 The Jewish leaders didn't believe that the man had really
been blind and could now see until they called the man's par-
ents. 87 The leaders asked them, "Is this man your son? Do you
claim that he was born blind? How come he now sees?"

88 Then his parents answered, "We know he is our son and
that he was born blind, 89 but we don't know how he can see
now. We don't know how he opened his eyes. Ask him. He is a
grown man; he can speak for himself." 90 (The man's parents
said these things because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.
The Jewish leaders had already agreed that if anyone said that
Jesus was the Messiah, that person would be thrown out of the
house of worship. 91 That is why his parents said, "He is an
adult; ask him.")

92 Then a second time, the Jewish leaders told the man (who
had been blind), "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a
sinner."

93 The man answered, "Maybe I am a sinner. I don't know.
But one thing I do know, I was blind and now I can see."

94 They asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he
open your eyes?"

95 The man answered, "I have already told you and you
didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You don't want
to become his students, do you?"

96 Then they insulted the man saying, "You are Jesus' stu-
dent. We are Moses' students. 97 We know that God has spoken
to Moses. But we don't know where this Jesus comes from."

98 The man answered them, "That is amazing! You don't

know where Jesus comes from, and yet he opened my eyes! 99 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but God will listen to anyone who worships Him and obeys His will. 100 Since time began, no one has ever heard of anyone opening the eyes of a man born blind. 101 If Jesus did not come from God, he could not do anything."

102 They answered him, "You were totally born in sin; you cannot teach us!" And they threw him out.

103 Jesus heard that the Jewish leaders had thrown the man out. Jesus found him and asked him, "Do you believe on the Son of God?"

104 The man answered, "Sir, who is he, so that I may believe in him?"

105 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and he is speaking to you right now!"

106 The man said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped Jesus.

107 Jesus said, "I came into this world so that there can be a Judgment Day, so that the people who cannot see may see and those who think they can see may become blind."

108 Some Pharisees who were with Jesus heard this. They said to him, "You don't think we are blind too, do you?"

109 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would be innocent, but you are now claiming you can see so your guilt remains."

Jesus teaches about his followers.

(John 10:01–18)

18 [J] *(Jerusalem)* 1 "I am telling you the truth: if a man
does not get into the sheep pen through the gate but
climbs in by some other way, he is a robber and a bandit. 2 The
one who comes through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
3 The man who guards the gate opens the gate for him. The
sheep know the shepherd's voice. The shepherd calls the name of
each one of his sheep and leads them out. 4 After he has brought
all his own sheep out, he walks ahead of them and the sheep fol-
low him because they know his voice. 5 They would never follow
a stranger; they would run away from him. They would not rec-
ognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this example about sheep,
but the people didn't understand what he was talking about.

7 Therefore, Jesus spoke again, "I am telling you the truth: I
am the gate for the sheep. 8 All those who came before me were
either robbers or bandits, but the sheep didn't listen to them. 9 I
am the gate. If anyone will enter through me, he will be saved.
He may come and go as he pleases and find plenty to eat. 10 Why
does the robber come? Only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so
that they might have life — to the fullest!

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his
own life for the sheep. 12 A man who has been hired is not really
a shepherd. The sheep do not belong to him. When he sees a
wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. The wolf
catches them and scatters them. 13 The man doesn't care about
the sheep because he is a hired man. 14 I am the good shepherd. I
know my sheep and my sheep know me, 15 just as my Father

knows me and I know my Father. I will give my life for the sheep.
16 But I have some other sheep that are not in this flock. I must
lead them too. They will listen to my voice. Then they will be
one flock and one shepherd.

17 "Do you know why my Father gives Himself to me, for my
good, expecting nothing in return? Because I will lay down my
life so that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it away from
me. I am laying it down of my own free will. I have the authority
to lay it down and I have the authority to take it up again. I
received this order from my Father."

Jesus goes to the Festival of Dedication.
(John 10:19-42)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 19 Again the Jewish people were divided because of
these words. 20 Many of them were saying, "He has a demon!
He's insane! Why are you listening to him?" 21 Others were say-
ing, "These words don't sound like the words of a demon pos-
sessed person. Could a demon possessed man open the eyes of a
blind man?"

22 It was winter. The time came for the Feast of Dedication
in Jerusalem. 23 Jesus was walking in the temple courtyard next
to Solomon's Porch. 24 Some Jews gathered around him. They
kept asking him, "How much longer will you make us wait? If
you are the Messiah, tell us clearly!"

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, but you didn't believe. I
am doing miracles with my Father's authority. These are telling
the truth about me, 26 but you don't believe because you are not
my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice. I know them. They fol-
low me. 28 I give them eternal life. They will never be lost. No

one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father is greater
than anyone. No one can snatch them from my Father's hand.
He has given me all things. 30 My Father and I are one."

31 Again some Jews picked up stones to throw at Jesus and
kill him.

32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good
works from my Father. For which good work are you stoning
me?"

33 They answered him, "We are going to throw rocks at you,
not for any good work, but because you said some evil things
against God! You are only a man, yet you are making yourself
God."

34 Jesus answered them, "This is written in your law: 'I said
that you are gods.' 35 The message of God came to them and
since he said 'gods' — and the Scripture cannot be broken —
36 why are you claiming I am saying evil things against God
when I said, 'I am God's Son'. The Father set me apart and sent
me into the world. 37 If I am not performing miracles from my
Father, don't believe in me. 38 But if I am doing them, even
though you may not believe in me, believe in the evidence of the
miracles. You must know, once and for all, that the Father is in
me and I am in the Father." 39 Once again they were trying to
arrest Jesus but he slipped through their hands.

40 Jesus went back across the Jordan River to the place where
John was first immersing people. Jesus stayed there. 41 Many peo-
ple came to him. They said, "John did not perform any miracles,
but everything he said about Jesus is true." 42 Many people there
believed in Jesus.

Jesus heals a woman.

(Luke 13:10–17)

[L] *(Perea)* 43 Jesus was teaching in one of the houses of worship
on the Sabbath day. 44 In that house of worship there was a
woman who had a spirit that made her sick for 18 years. Her
back was always bent; she couldn't stand up straight. 45 When
Jesus saw her, he called to her, "Woman, your sickness has left
you!" 46 Jesus put his hands on her. Immediately she was able to
stand upright. She began to praise God.

47 The house of worship leader was angry because Jesus had
healed on the Sabbath day. The leader began to say to the
crowds, "There are six days for work, so come to be healed on
one of those days. Do not come for healing on the Sabbath day!"
48 The Lord Jesus answered, "You hypocrites! All of you untie
your ox or your donkey from the stall and lead them to drink
water every day — even on the Sabbath day! 49 This woman
whom I healed is our Jewish sister but Satan has held her for 18
years. Why can't she be untied from her sickness on the Sabbath
day?" 50 When Jesus said this, all the people who were opposing
him felt ashamed of themselves. The whole crowd was happy.
They were thanking God for the wonderful things Jesus was
doing.

Jesus teaches about the kingdom of heaven.

(Luke 13:18–30)

[L] *(Perea)* 51 Then Jesus said, "What is God's kingdom like? With
what can I compare it? 52 God's kingdom is like the seed of the
mustard plant. A person plants this seed in his garden. The seed
grows and becomes a large tree. The wild birds build nests

among its branches."

53 Again Jesus said, "With what can I compare God's king-
dom? 54 It is like yeast which a woman puts into a tub of flour to
make the bread rise."

55 Jesus was teaching in every town and village. He contin-
ued to travel toward Jerusalem. 56 Someone asked Jesus, "Lord,
how many people will be saved? Only a few?" Jesus said,

57 "Try hard to get through the narrow door! I tell you, many
people will try to get in, but most of them won't be strong
enough to enter. 58 If a man locks the door of his house, then
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it. You can say, 'Master! Open the door for us!' But the man will
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begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you. You taught in the
streets of our town.' 60 Then he will say to you, 'Where do you
come from? I don't know you. Go away from me! All of you are
troublemakers!' 61 You will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all of
the prophets in God's kingdom, but you won't be allowed to
come in. Then you will scream and grind your teeth. 62 People
will come from the east, west, north, and south. They will sit
down at the table in the kingdom of God. 63 Those who seem as
though they are not important now will be important at that
time. Those who seem important now will not be important
then."

Jesus predicts he will die in Jerusalem.

(Luke 13:31-35)

[L] *(Perea)* 64 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said,
"Go away from here and hide! Herod Antipas wants to kill you!"

65 Jesus said to them, "Go tell that fox: 'Listen, today and tomorrow I am throwing out demons and finishing my work of healing. Then the next day the work will be finished. 66 I must keep going today, tomorrow, and the next day for all prophets should die in Jerusalem.'

67 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You killed the prophets. God sent you His men but you stoned them to death. I have often wanted to gather up your people like a hen gathers her baby chicks under her wings, but you wouldn't let me. 68 Listen! Your house is completely empty. I tell you, you will never see me again until you say, 'Praise be to the one who is coming with the authority of the Lord God.'"

Jesus eats with a Pharisee.

(Luke 13:22-35)

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until you say, 'Praise be to the one who is coming with the
authority of the Lord God.'"

The most important seat.

(Luke 14:01-24)

19 [L] *(Perea)* 1 During a Sabbath day Jesus went to the
home of an important Pharisee to eat with him. The
Pharisees were all watching Jesus very closely. 2 A man had a
swelling disease. He was put before Jesus. 3 Jesus asked the Phar-
isees and the teachers of the law, "Is it right or wrong to heal on
the Sabbath day?" 4 But they kept quiet. So Jesus took the man

and healed him. Then he sent the man away. 5 Jesus said to them,
"If your son or ox falls into a well on the Sabbath day, you know
that you would quickly pull him out." 6 The Pharisees and
teachers of the law were not able to say anything against what
Jesus said.

7 Then Jesus noticed that some of the guests were choosing
the best places to sit. So Jesus gave this example: 8 "When a per-
son invites you to a wedding, don't sit in the most important
seat. He may have invited someone more important than you.
9 If you do sit in the most important seat, then the one who
invited you may come to you and say, 'Give this man your seat!'
Then you will start to move down to the last place. And you will
be very embarrassed. 10 Instead, when a person invites you, go sit
in the seat which is least important. The one who invited you
will come to you and say, 'Friend, move up here to a more
important seat!' Then all of the other guests will respect you.
11 Every person who acts as if he is important will be made
ashamed, but every person who truly humbles himself will be
made important."

12 Then Jesus said to the Pharisee who had invited him,
"When you give a luncheon or a dinner, don't invite only your
friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. They will just
invite you back to eat with them. Then you will have your
reward. 13 Instead, when you give a party, invite the poor people,
the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 Then you will be happy
because these people cannot pay you back. They have nothing.
However, you will be rewarded when those being made right rise
from death."

15 One of the men at the table with Jesus heard these things.
The man said to Jesus, "A person who eats bread in God's king-
dom will be very happy!"

16 Jesus said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner. He
invited many people. 17 When it was time to eat, the man sent his
slave to tell the guests, saying, 'Come! Dinner is ready!' 18 But all
the guests said they couldn't come. Each man gave an excuse.
The first man said to him, 'I have just bought a field; I must go
out and see it. Please excuse me.' 19 Another man said, 'I have
just bought five pair of oxen; I must go and try them out. Please
excuse me.' 20 A third man said, 'I have just gotten married; I
can't come.'

21 "So the slave returned. He told his master what had hap-
pened. Then the master became angry and said, 'Hurry! Go into
the streets and alleys of the town. Bring me the poor people, the
crippled, the blind, and the lame.' 22 Later, the slave said to him,
'Master, I did what you told me to do, but we still have room for
more people!' 23 The master said to the slave, 'Go out to the
highways and country roads. Make them come. I want my house
to be full! 24 I tell you, none of those men I invited first will ever
eat with me!'"

Jesus teaches about the cost of following him.
(Luke 14:25-35)

[L] *(Perea)* 25 Many people were traveling with Jesus. He turned
around and said to them,

26 "If someone comes to me, yet that person prefers his
father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters more than he
prefers me, he cannot be my student. A person must prefer me

more than he prefers himself! 27 The person who does not carry
his own cross cannot be my student.

28 "If you wanted to build a building, you would sit down
first and add up how much it would cost to see if you had
enough money to finish the job. 29 If you didn't do that, you
might begin the work but you wouldn't be able to finish it.
Then all of the people watching you would laugh at you. 30 They
would say, 'This man began to build but he wasn't able to fin-
ish!'

31 "If a king is going to fight against another king, first he will
sit down and plan. If the king has only 10,000 men, he will see if
he is able to defeat the other king who is opposing him with
20,000 men. 32 If he cannot defeat the other king, then he will
send a group of men to ask for terms of peace from the other
king while he is far away. 33 In the same way all of you must first
count the cost. You must give up everything you have for me. If
you don't, you cannot be my student!

34 "Salt is a good thing but if the salt loses its salty taste, then
it is no good. You cannot make it salty again. 35 You can't even
use it for dirt or fertilizer. People just throw it away. The person
who has ears to hear with should use them!"

Example of a lost sheep.

(Luke 15:01-07)

[L] *(Perea)* 36 Tax collectors and "sinners" all came near to listen
to Jesus. 37 Then the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began
to complain, "This man welcomes sinners! He even eats with
them!" 38 Then Jesus gave them this example:

39 "Suppose a man has 100 sheep but he loses one of them.

He will leave the other 99 sheep in the open country, and go out
and look for the lost one. The man will continue to search for
the lost sheep until he finds it. 40 And when he finds the sheep,
the man is very happy. The man carries it home on his shoulders.
41 He goes to his friends and neighbors and says to them,
'Rejoice with me because I found my lost sheep!' 42 I tell you,
there is much joy in heaven when one sinner changes his heart.
There is more joy for that one sinner than there is for 99 good
people who don't need to change their hearts.

Example of a lost coin.

(Luke 15:08-10)

[L] *(Perea)* 43 "Suppose a woman has ten silver coins but she loses
one of them. The woman gets a light and sweeps the house. She
will look carefully for the coin until she finds it. 44 And when she
finds the lost coin, she will call her friends and neighbors and say
to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the coin which
I lost!' 45 In the same way, I tell you, there will be joy before the
angels of God when one sinner changes his heart."

Example of a careless son.

(Luke 15:11-32)

[L] *(Perea)* 46 Then Jesus said, "A man had two sons. 47 The
younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my part of all our
holdings!' So the father divided the property with his two sons.
48 Not long afterward the younger son gathered up all that he
had and left. He traveled far away to another country. There the
son wasted his money like a fool; 49 he spent everything he had.
Then the land became very dry and it did not rain. There was
not enough food to eat anywhere in that country. He began to

starve. 50 So he went and got a job with one of the important
men of that country. The man sent him into the fields to feed
pigs. 51 The boy was so hungry that he wanted to stuff himself
with the food which the pigs were eating. No one was giving
him anything.

52 "Finally, the boy realized that he had been very foolish. He
thought, 'All of my father's hired servants have plenty of food;
yet here I am about to die because I have nothing to eat. 53 I will
get up and go to my father. I will say to him: "Father, I sinned
against God and in front of you. 54 I'm not worthy to be called
your son anymore. Treat me as one of your paid servants."' 55 So
the son got up and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him
coming. He felt sorry for his son. So the father ran to him. He
hugged and kissed his son. 56 The son said, 'Father, I sinned
against God and in front of you. I'm not worthy to be called
your son anymore.' 57 But the father said to his slaves, 'Hurry!
Bring the best robe and dress him. Put a ring on his finger and
good shoes on his feet too. 58 Bring our fattened calf. We will kill
it and have plenty to eat. Then we can have a party! 59 My son
was dead, but now he is alive again. He was lost, but now he is
found!' So they began to celebrate.

60 "The older son was in the field. As he came closer to the
house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. 61 So the older
son called to one of the servant boys and asked, 'What does all
this mean?' 62 The servant said, 'Your brother has come back.
Your father killed the fattened calf for him to eat. Your father
was happy because your brother came back home safely!' 63 The

older son was angry and wouldn't go inside to join the party so his father went out to beg him to come in. 64 But the son said to his father, 'Look, I have served you like a slave for many years! I have obeyed every one of your commands but you never even killed a goat for me so that I could have a party with my friends. 65 But this other son of yours has wasted all of your money on whores. Then he comes home and you kill the fattened calf for him!'

66 "But the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me. All that I have is yours. 67 We must be happy and celebrate, because your brother was dead but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found!'"

Example of a cheating manager.

(Luke 16:01-13)

[L] *(Perea)* 68 Jesus said to his students, "Once there was a rich man who hired a manager to take care of his business. Later the rich man learned that his manager was cheating him. 69 So he called in the manager and said to him, 'I have heard some bad things about you. Give me a report of what you have done with my money. You're fired!' 70 Later, the manager thought to himself, 'What will I do?

My master is taking my job away from me! I'm not strong enough to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg. 71 I know what I will do! I will do something so that, when I lose my job, other people will welcome me into their homes.'

72 "So the manager called in each person who owed the master some money. He said to the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?' 73 The man answered, 'I owe him 100 barrels of

olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Here is your bill; hurry, sit down and change it to 50 barrels.' 74 Then the manager said to another man, 'How much do you owe my master?' The man answered, 'I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat.' Then the manager said to him, 'Here is your bill; change it to 800 bushels.' 75 The master learned about this later. The master thought the dishonest manager had done a shrewd thing. Worldly people use their knowledge about worldly things better than spiritual people do.

76 "I ask you, should you make friends for yourselves with dishonest money? When the money is all gone, can they welcome you into homes which last forever? 77 I tell you, if a person can be trusted with small things, he may also be trusted with big things. If a person is dishonest in little things, then he will be dishonest in big things too. 78 If you cannot be trusted with worldly money, no one will trust you with true wealth. 79 And if you cannot be trusted with the things which belong to someone else, then no one will give you things for yourself.

80 "No slave can serve two masters at the same time. The slave will give himself to one, for his good, expecting nothing in return, over the other. Or, he will be more loyal to one and look down on the other. You cannot be a slave for God and Money at the same time."

A rich man and Lazarus.

(Luke 16:14-31)

[L] *(Perea)* 81 The Pharisees were listening to all these things. They were criticizing Jesus, because they all loved money.
82 Jesus said to the Pharisees, "You make yourselves look good in front of people but God knows what is really in your hearts. The

things which are very important to people are worthless to God.

83 "Until the time of John there was the law and the
prophets. Since then, the Good News about the kingdom of
God is being told. Everyone is trying hard to get into the king-
dom of God. 84 Even the smallest part of the law cannot be
changed. It would be easier for the world to pass away. 85 If a
man divorces his wife and marries another woman, he is com-
mitting unlawful sexual intercourse. And the man who marries a
divorced woman is also committing unlawful sexual inter-
course."

86 Jesus said, "There was a rich man who always dressed up
in the finest clothes. He was so rich that he was able to feast and
have a party every day. 87 There was also a beggar named Lazarus.
His body was covered with sores. He was often put at the rich
man's gate. 88 Lazarus only wanted to eat the crumbs which fell
from the rich man's table. Instead, the dogs came and licked his
sores!

89 "After a while, Lazarus died. The angels took Lazarus and
placed him in the arms of Abraham. The rich man also died and
was buried. 90 He was sent to Hades and was in much pain. The
rich man saw Abraham far away with Lazarus in his arms. 91 He
called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to
me so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue. I am suffering in this fire!' 92 But Abraham said, 'My
child, do you remember when you lived on earth? You had all
the good things in life but all the bad things happened to
Lazarus. Now he is comforted here and you are suffering. 93 Also
there is a great canyon set up between you and us. No one can

cross over to help you; and no one can come over here from there.'

94 "The rich man said, 'Then, father Abraham, please send
Lazarus to my father's house on earth! 95 I have five brothers.
Lazarus could warn my brothers so that they won't come to this
place of pain.' 96 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the
prophets to read; let them learn from that!' 97 But the rich man
said, 'No, father Abraham! If only someone could come back to
them from death, then they would change their hearts.' 98 But
Abraham said to him, 'No! If your brothers won't listen to
Moses and the prophets, then they wouldn't be persuaded by
anyone who might come back from death!'"

Jesus warns about stumbling.

(Luke 17:01-10)

20 [L] *(Perea)* 1 Jesus said to his students, "Things will
surely occur which will cause people to sin, but it will
be horrible for the person who causes this to happen. 2 If he
causes one of these little ones to sin, it would be better for him
to drown with a big rock tied to his neck.

3 "Be careful! If your brother sins, tell him he is wrong; but if
he changes his heart, forgive him. 4 If your brother does some-
thing wrong to you seven times in one day, but each time he says
that he is sorry, then you should forgive him."

5 The delegates said to the Lord Jesus, "Give us more faith!"
6 The Lord said, "If your faith were the size of the seed of the
mustard plant, then you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Dig
yourself up and plant yourself in the sea!' and the tree would
obey you."

7 "Suppose one of you has a slave who has been working in
the field, plowing the ground or caring for the sheep. When the
slave comes in, what would you say to him? Would you say,
'Hurry, come in! Sit down to eat!'? 8 No, you would say this to
your slave: 'Prepare something for me to eat. Then get dressed
up and serve me. When I finish eating and drinking, then you
may eat.' 9 The slave does not get any special thanks for doing his
job. He is only doing what his master told him to do. 10 It is the
same with you too. When you do all of the things you are told to
do, you should think: 'We are not good slaves; we have only done
our duty and nothing more.'"

Jesus revives Lazarus.

(John 11:01-46)

[J] *(Bethany)* 11 A man named Lazarus was sick. He and his sisters,
Mary and Martha, were from the village of Bethany. 12 (Mary was
the one who rubbed the Lord Jesus' feet with perfume and dried
them with her hair.)

13 The two sisters sent a message saying, "Listen, your friend
Lazarus is very sick!"

14 When Jesus heard this, he said, "This sickness will not end
in death. Instead, it will be for God's glory. This will be used to
give glory to the Son of God." 15 Jesus gave himself to Mary,
Martha, and Lazarus, for their good, expecting nothing in
return.

16 When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where
he was for two days. 17 After that, Jesus said to his students, "Let
us go back to the land of Judea."

18 Jesus' students said to him, "But, Rabbi, the Jews were

trying to stone you to death! Do you want to go there again?"

19 Jesus answered, "There are twelve hours in a day. Someone
who is walking in the daytime does not stumble; he sees the light
in this world. 20 But a person may stumble when he walks at
night because he has no light."

21 After Jesus said these things, he told them this: "Our
friend Lazarus is asleep, but I will go wake him up."

22 Then Jesus' students said to him, "Lord, he will be all
right if he's asleep."

23 (Jesus was talking about the death of Lazarus. They
thought Jesus was talking about natural sleep.) 24 Then Jesus
told them plainly, "Lazarus has died! 25 For your sakes, I'm glad I
was not there when he died. I want you to believe. Let us go to
him." 26 Thomas (called The Twin) said to the other students,
"Let us go too, so we can die with him!"

27 When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had been put in
the grave four days before. 28 The village of Bethany was near
Jerusalem, less than 3 kilometers away. 29 Many Jews had come to
Martha and Mary to comfort them over their brother's death.
30 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet
him, but Mary continued to sit in the house.

31 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, my brother would never have
died if you had been here. 32 But, even now, I know if you ask
God, He would give you anything."

33 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise from death."

34 Martha said to Jesus, "I know that Lazarus will rise from
death when all people are raised on the last Day."

35 Jesus answered her, "I am the resurrection and the life.

The person who commits himself to me will live, even though
he may die. 36 Every person who lives and commits himself to me
will never die! Do you believe this?"

37 Martha said to him, "Yes, Lord. I still believe that you are
the Messiah, the Son of God, who comes into the world."

38 After Martha said these things, she went back and secretly
called Mary, her sister, telling her, "The Teacher is here; he is call-
ing for you.

39 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to
Jesus. 40 Jesus had not yet come into the village. He was still at
the place where Martha had met him. 41 Some Jews were with
Mary in the house, comforting her. When they saw Mary stand
up quickly and leave, they followed her. They thought she was
going to Lazarus' grave to cry some more there.

42 When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell
down at Jesus' feet. She said, "Lord, if you had been here, my
brother would not have died!"

43 Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her
crying too. He felt very sorry and upset. 44 Jesus said, "Where
have you put Lazarus?"

They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

45 Jesus cried.

46 Then the Jews said, "Look how Jesus loved Lazarus!"

47 But some of them said, "This man was able to open the
blind man's eyes. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus alive?"

48 When Jesus came to the grave, again he was deeply moved
in his heart. It was a cave with a large stone placed in front of it.
49 Jesus said, "Take the stone away!"

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, this is the
fourth day; there is already a bad smell!"
50 Jesus said to her, "I told you that if you would believe, you
would see the glory of God."
51 Then they took the stone away. Jesus looked up to heaven
and said, "Father, I am thankful that you are listening to me. 52 I
know that you always listen to me but I said this because of the
crowd which is standing here. I want them to believe that You
sent me."
53 After Jesus said this, he cried out with a loud voice,
"Lazarus! Come out!" 54 The dead man came out. Lazarus'
hands and feet were bound with pieces of cloth. His face was
wrapped with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, "Untie him
and let him go." 55 Many Jews had come to visit Mary. They saw
the things which Jesus did and believed in him.
56 But some of them went off to the Pharisees and told them
what Jesus had done.

Priests and Pharisees plot to kill Jesus.
(John 11:47-57)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 57 The most important priests and the Pharisees
called a meeting. They asked each other, "What are we going to
do? This man is performing many miracles! 58 If we let him go
on like this, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will
come and take us away — our holy place and our nation."
59 One of them was Caiaphas. He was the high priest that
year. He said to them, "You know nothing! 60 Don't you think it
would be better for one man to die for the people than for the
whole nation to be destroyed?" 61 (Caiaphas did not say this on

his own. But since he was the high priest that year, he prophesied
that Jesus was about to die for the Jewish nation. 62 And not
only for them but also so that all God's scattered children might
be gathered together into one people.)

63 From that day forward they plotted to kill Jesus. 64 For
that reason, Jesus was not moving around among the Jews
openly anymore. Jesus left there for an area which was near the
desert. It was a town called Ephraim. Jesus stayed there with his
students for a while.

65 The time for the Jewish Passover Festival was near. Many
people went from the country up to Jerusalem before the
Passover began. They wanted to make themselves pure. 66 These
people were standing in the temple courtyard looking for Jesus.
They were asking one another, "What do you think? Will Jesus
come to the festival or not?" 67 The most important priests and
Pharisees had given an order: "If anyone knows where Jesus is,
he must tell us so that we may arrest him."

Jesus heals 10 lepers.

(Luke 17:11-19)

[L] *(border of Samaria)* 68 Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem, going
from the Galilee through Samaria. 69 He came into a village. Ten
men met him there. These men did not come close to Jesus
because they all had leprosy. 70 But the men shouted to Jesus,
"Jesus! Teacher! Take pity on us!"

71 When Jesus saw the men, he said, "Go and show your-
selves to the priests." As the ten men were going to the priests,
they were healed.

72 When one of the men saw that he had been healed, he

went back to Jesus and praised God with a loud voice. 73 He bowed down at Jesus' feet and thanked Jesus. (This man was a Samaritan.)

74 Jesus answered, "Ten men were healed; where are the other nine? 75 Is this Samaritan man the only one who came back to give glory to God?" 76 Then Jesus said to him, "Stand up! You may go. You were healed because you believed."

Jesus tells about the coming of the kingdom of God.
(Luke 17:20-37)

[L] *(Galilee)* 77 Some of the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the kingdom of God come?"

Jesus answered, "God's kingdom is not coming in such a way that you will be able to watch it. 78 People will not say, 'Look, God's kingdom is here!' or, 'There it is!' No, God's kingdom is inside of you."

79 Then Jesus said to his students, "The time will come when you will want very much to re-live one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not be able to. 80 People will say to you, 'Look, there it is!' or, 'Look, here it is!' Stay where you are; don't go away and search."

81 "I will come again. On the day when I come, I will shine as lightning flashes across the sky. 82 But first I must suffer many things and be rejected by the people of this time. 83 "When I come again, it will be the same as it was when Noah lived. 84 In the time of Noah, people were eating, drinking, getting married, and giving their daughters away in marriage — even on the day when Noah entered the ship. Then the flood came and killed everyone else.

85 "It will be just like it was in the time of Lot. Those people
were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building
houses. 86 The people were doing these things even on the day
when Lot left Sodom. Then fire and sulfur rained down from
the sky and killed them all.

87 "This is exactly how it will be when I come again. 88 On
that day if a man is on his roof, he won't have time to go inside
and get his things. If a man is in the field, he must not go back
home.

89 "Remember Lot's wife. 90 The person who tries to save his
life will lose it, but the person who gives his life to others will
save it.

91 "I tell you, when I come again, there may be two men
sleeping in one room: one man will be taken and the other man
will be left. 92 There may be two women working together; one
woman will be taken and the other will be left. 93 There will be
two men in the field; the one will be taken and the other will be
left."

94 The students asked Jesus, "Where will this be, Lord?"
Jesus answered, "People can always tell where a dead body is;
they can see the vultures gathering."

Example of an unjust judge.

(Luke 18:01-08)

21 [L] *(Galilee)* 1 Then Jesus used this story to teach the
students that they should always pray and never give
up:

2 "Once there was a judge in a town. He didn't respect God.
The judge didn't care what people thought about him, either.

3 In that same town there was a woman who was a widow. The
woman was always coming to this judge and saying, 'There is a
man who is trying to ruin me. Give me my rights!' 4 The judge
didn't want to help the woman. However, after a long time the
judge thought to himself, 'Even though I don't respect God, and
I don't care what people think, 5 this woman is beginning to
bother me. If I give her what she wants, then she will leave me
alone. If I don't give her what she wants, she will keep coming
back until I get sick!'"

6 The Lord Jesus said, "Listen to what the bad judge said."

7 "God's chosen people cry out to Him night and day. God
will always give them what is right; He will not be slow to
answer His people. 8 I am telling you, God will soon help His
people! Nevertheless, when I come again, will I find people on
earth who have faith in me?

Example of the Pharisee and tax collector.
(Luke 18:09-14)

[L] *(Galilee)* 9 There were some people who were sure that they
were being made right on their own. They acted as if they were
better than other people."

Jesus gave this example to teach:

10 "Once there was a Pharisee and a tax collector. They both
went up into the temple courtyard one day to pray. 11 The Phar-
isee stood there alone. He was praying like this: 'O God, I thank
you that I am not like other people. I am not like men who steal,
cheat, commit unlawful sexual intercourse, or even like this tax
collector. 12 I fast twice a week and I give ten percent of every-
thing I make!' 13 The tax collector stood alone too. However,

when he prayed, he wouldn't even look up to heaven. The tax collector felt very humble before God. He said, 'O God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner!' 14 I am telling you, when this man went back home, he had been made upright with God. The Pharisee was not right with God.

Every person who acts as if he is important will be made ashamed, but every person who humbles himself will be made very important."

[M] 15 When Jesus finished saying these words, he left the Galilee. He went to the part of Judea which is on the other side of the Jordan River. 16 Large crowds followed him. Jesus healed some of them there.

Jesus teaches about divorce.
(Matthew 19:01-12, Mark 10:01-12)

[M] *(Perea)* 17 Some Pharisees came to Jesus. They were testing him with this question: "Is it all right for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?" 18 Jesus answered, "You have read this: 'In the beginning, when God created people, he made them male and female.' 19 He said, 'A man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. The husband and wife will become one flesh.' 20 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Man must not separate what God has joined together." 21 The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Then why did Moses give this command: 'A man who divorces his wife must give her divorce papers.'?" 22 Jesus said to them, "Your hearts were hard so Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but it was not like that from the very beginning. [K] 23 Jesus said to them, "If a man divorces his wife and marries another woman, he is committing unlawful sexual inter-

course against her. 24 If she divorces her husband and she marries another man, she is committing unlawful sexual intercourse." [M] 25 Jesus' students said to him, "If this is the true relationship between a husband and his wife, it would be better not to marry!" 26 But Jesus said to them, "Not everyone can accept this teaching - only those to whom it has been given. 27 There are some men who cannot have sexual relations; they were born like this. Others were made that way by man. And some did this to themselves because of the kingdom of heaven. Let the person who is able to accept it accept it."

Like little children.

(Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17)

[M] *(Perea)* 28 Then some people brought their small children to Jesus, so that he could put his hands on them and pray. But his students told the people not to do this.

29 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children." [K] 30 Jesus put his arms around the children. He put his hands on them and blessed them.

Jesus speaks with a young ruler.

(Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-23)

[M] *(Perea)* 31 A man came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" 32 Jesus said to him, "Why are you asking me about goodness? God is the only One who is good. Since you want to enter eternal life, obey the commands of God." 33 The man said to Jesus, "Which commands?" Jesus said, "'You must not commit murder.' 'You must not commit unlawful sexual intercourse.' 'You must not steal.' 'You must

not lie.' 34 'You must honor and obey your father and your
mother.' 'You must give yourself to other people, for their good,
expecting nothing in return, the same way you give to yourself.'"
35 However, the young man said to Jesus, "But I have obeyed all
these things! What do I still need to do?" [K] 36 Jesus was giving
himself to the man, for his good, expecting nothing in return.
He looked into his eyes and said to him, "But there is still one
more thing you need to do: go, sell everything you have, and give
it to the poor people. Then you will have a treasure in heaven.
Then come, take up the cross, and follow me!" [M] 37 When the
young man heard these words, he went away sad because he
owned many things and he wanted to keep them.

Jesus teaches about riches.

(Matthew 19:23-30, Luke 18:24-30)

[M] *(Perea)* 38 Jesus said this to his students, "I am telling you the
truth: it will be hard for a person with lots of money to enter the
kingdom of heaven! [K] 39 The students were amazed at Jesus'
words. Again Jesus said to them, "My children, it is so hard for
those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God. [M] 40 I am
telling you again: it will be easier for a camel to go through the
eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of
God." 41 When Jesus' students heard this, they were very sur-
prised. They asked, "Then who can be saved?" 42 Jesus looked
into their eyes and said, "For men, this is impossible but for
God, all things are possible!" 43 Then Peter answered Jesus,
"Look, we have left everything and followed you! What will
there be for us?" 44 Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the
truth: you have followed me. At the time when things will be

made right, when I sit on my glorious throne, you will also sit on twelve thrones. You will judge the twelve tribes of Israel. 45 Every person who has left his home, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children, or fields, because of my name, will receive many rewards and, after that person dies, he will receive eternal life with God. 46 Many people who seem as if they are not important now will be important at that time. Those who seem important now will not be important then."

Example of laborers in the vineyard.

(Matthew 20:01–16)

[M] *(Perea)* 47 "The kingdom of heaven is like the man who owned some land. He went out early in the morning to hire some workers for his vineyard. 48 He agreed to pay them one silver coin per day. Then he sent them into his vineyard. 49 At about nine o'clock in the morning, he went out again and saw some men standing around in the marketplace. They were not working. 50 He said to them, 'You go into my vineyard, too. I will pay you whatever is fair.' 51 So they went. In the same way, the owner went out about noon and again around three o'clock in the afternoon. 52 About five o'clock in the afternoon, he went out and found some more men standing around.

He asked them, 'Why have you been standing around here all day long? Why weren't you working?' 53 They answered him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into my vineyard, too.' 54 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager. 'Call the workers and give them their pay.' He began paying the ones who had come to work last before the ones who came first. 55 The men who came to work at five

o'clock received one silver coin each! 56 The men who came to
work first thought they would be paid more than a silver coin,
but they also received only one silver coin. 57 They took the
money, but they began to complain against the owner of the
farm. 58 They said, 'The men who came last worked only one
hour. You are paying them the same amount as us! We did most
of the work all day long - and it was hot, too!' 59 But the owner
said to one, 'Friend, I was not unfair to you. You agreed to work
for me for one silver coin. 60 Take this coin. It belongs to you.
Go! I want to give to this man who came to work last the same
amount that I gave to you. 61 It is not wrong for me to do what I
desire with what is mine! Do you have a jealous eye because I am
generous?' 62 The people who seem as though they are not
important now will be important later. Those who seem impor-
tant now will not be important then."

63 Jesus was ready to go up to Jerusalem. Along the road, he
took the twelve students aside. He said to them, 64 "Listen! We
are going up to Jerusalem. The most important priests and the
teachers of the law will turn against me. They will condemn me
to death. 65 Then they will give me to non-Jewish men who will
laugh at me, beat me with whips, and nail me to a stake. How-
ever, I will rise from death on the third day."

[L] 66 Then Jesus took the twelve delegates aside. He said to
them, "Listen! We are going up to Jerusalem. Everything which
God told the prophets to write about me will take place! 67 The
Jewish people will turn against me and give me to the non-Jew-
ish men. They will laugh at me and spit on me, and insult me.
68 They will beat me with whips and then kill me! But on the

third day after my death, I will rise."

69 The delegates tried to understand this but they could not;
the meaning was hidden from them. They did not know what
Jesus was talking about.

Jesus warns about ambition.

(Matthew 20:17-28, Mark 10:32-45, Luke 18:31-34)

[M] *(Perea)* 70 Jesus was ready to go up to Jerusalem. Along the
road, he took the twelve students aside. He said to them, 71 "Lis-
ten! We are going up to Jerusalem. The most important priests
and the teachers of the law will turn against me. They will con-
demn me to death. 72 Then they will give me to non-Jewish men
who will laugh at me, beat me with whips, and nail me to a
stake. However, I will rise from death on the third day."

73 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Jacob and John,
came to Jesus with her sons. She bowed down and asked him for
something. 74 Jesus said to her, "What do you want?" She said to
him, "Promise me that these two sons of mine will sit on thrones
in your kingdom, one at your right side and one at your left
side." 75 Jesus answered them, "You don't know what you are
asking. Can you drink the cup of suffering which I am about to
drink?" They said to Jesus, "We are able." 76 Jesus said to them,
"Yes, you will drink from the cup of suffering which I will drink,
but the privilege of sitting at my right side or my left side is not
mine to give. Instead, those places belong to those for whom my
Father prepared them."

77 When the other ten delegates heard about this, they were
very angry with the two brothers. 78 Jesus called for them and
said, "You know that the rulers of the world lord it over their

people. Important men use their authority over them, 79 but you
must not think that way. Instead, if one of you wants to be great,
that person should be your servant. 80 If one of you wants to be
important, he should be your slave. 81 I did not come to be
served. Instead, I came to serve and to give my life to pay the
price for many people's sins."

Jesus heals a blind man.

(Mark 10:46-52, Matthew 20:29-34, Luke 18:35-43)

[K] *(Jericho)* 82 They went into Jericho. Jesus, his students, and a
large crowd left Jericho later. There was a blind man named Bar-
timaeus (the son of Timaeus). He was sitting beside the road. He
was a beggar.

83 When he heard: "It is Jesus from Nazareth!" he began to
shout, "Jesus! Son of David! Please help me!" 84 Some of the
people told him to be quiet but he began shouting even louder,
"Son of David! Please help me!" 85 Jesus stopped there and said,
"Call him." So they called for the blind man. They said to him,
"Cheer up! Get up, Jesus is calling for you!" 86 The blind man
threw his robe aside and jumped to his feet. He went toward
Jesus. 87 Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man said to Jesus, "Master, I want to see again!"
88 Jesus said to him, "Go. You are made well because you
believed." Immediately the man was able to see again. He began
to follow Jesus on the road.

Reports about the week that changed the world.

Jesus calls Zaccheus.

(Luke 19:01-10)

22 [L] *(Jericho)* 1 Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. 2 In Jericho there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a very important, rich tax collector. 3 He wanted to see Jesus, but there were also many other people and Zacchaeus was too short to see over them. 4 So he ran ahead to a place where he knew Jesus would pass. Then he climbed a sycamore-fig tree so that he could see Jesus. 5 When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up. Jesus said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry! Come down! I must stay at your house today!" 6 Then Zacchaeus came down quickly. He was so happy to have Jesus in his house.

7 All of the people saw this. They began to complain, saying, "Look at the type of person Jesus stays with. Zacchaeus is a sinner!"

8 Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord Jesus, "Lord, I am now giving half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone, I am now paying him back four times more!"

9 Jesus said, "This man is a son of Abraham. Today, safety from danger has come to this house! 10 I came to find lost people and to save them."

Example of the coins.

(Luke 19:11-28)

[L] *(Jericho)* 11 Jesus traveled closer to Jerusalem. Some of the peo-

ple thought that God's kingdom would soon appear. Jesus knew that the people thought this so, while the people were listening to these things, he continued with a story:

12 "A very important man was preparing to go to a far away country to be made a king. After that the man planned to return home and rule. 13 So the man called ten of his slaves together. He gave a gold coin to each slave. The man said, 'Do business with this money until I come back.' 14 But the people in his kingdom hated the man, so the people sent a group of their own men to follow the man to the other country. There these men said, 'We don't want that man to rule over us!'

15 "However, he did become king. When he came home, he said, 'Call those slaves who have my money. I want to know how much more money they earned with it.' 16 The first slave came and said, 'Sir, I earned ten gold coins with the coin you gave me!' 17 The king said to the slave, 'Fine! You are a good slave. I see that I can trust you with small things. So now I will let you have authority over ten of my cities!' 18 The second slave said, 'Sir, with the one gold coin which belongs to you, I earned five coins!' 19 The king said to this slave, 'You may rule over five cities!' 20 Then the next slave came in. The slave said to the king, 'Sir, here is your gold coin. I hid it in a piece of cloth. 21 I was afraid of you; you are a hard man. You take money which you didn't earn and gather food you didn't even grow!' 22 Then the king said to the slave, 'You evil slave! I will use your own words to condemn you. You said that I am a hard man. You said I take money which I didn't earn and gather food I didn't even grow. 23 If this is true, then you should have put my money in the

bank. Then after I came back, my money would have earned some interest.'

24 "The king said to the men who were watching, 'Take the gold coin away from this slave and give it to the slave who earned ten coins.' 25 The men said to the king, 'But, sir, that slave already has ten gold coins!' 26 The king said, 'The person who uses what he has will get more, but the person who doesn't use what he has will have everything taken away from him!'

27 "'Now, where are my enemies? Where are the people who didn't want me to rule over them? Bring my enemies here and kill them. I will watch them die!'"

28 After Jesus said these things, he continued traveling upward toward Jerusalem.

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

(John 12:12-19, Matthew 21:01-11, Mark 11:01-11, Luke 19:29-40)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 29 The time for the Jewish Passover Festival was near. Many people went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover began. They wanted to make themselves pure. 30 These people were standing in the temple courtyard looking for Jesus. They were asking one another, "What do you think? Will Jesus come to the festival or not?" 31 The most important priests and Pharisees had given an order: "If anyone knows where Jesus is, he must tell us so that we may arrest him."

32 Six days before the Passover Festival, Jesus came to the town of Bethany. Lazarus was there — the one whom Jesus had raised from death.

33 A large crowd of Jews knew that Jesus was there. They came not only because they wanted to see Jesus, but also because

of Lazarus, who had been raised from death. 34 The most important priests planned to kill Lazarus too. 35 Many people were going away from the Jewish leaders because of Lazarus. They were beginning to believe in Jesus. [L] 36 He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, villages close to the Hill of Olives. Jesus sent two of his students on ahead. 37 He said, "Go into that village over there. You will find a young donkey tied there that has not been ridden. Untie it and bring it to me here. 38 If someone asks you why you are taking the donkey, you will say, 'The Lord, its owner, needs it.'" 39 The two students went into town. They found the donkey exactly as Jesus had told them. 40 The students untied the donkey, but its owners came out. They asked the students, "Why are you untying our donkey?" 41 Jesus' students answered, "The Lord, its owner, needs it."

42 Then the students brought it to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on the donkey's back. Then they helped Jesus get on top of it. 43 While Jesus was riding along the road toward Jerusalem, the students were spreading their robes on the road in front of him. 44 Jesus was coming close to Jerusalem. He was already near the bottom of the Hill of Olives. The whole group of students were happy. They were very excited and they praised God for all the powerful things they had seen. They said,

[J] 45 The next day a large crowd came to the festival. When they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 46 they took branches from palm trees and went out to meet him. They were shouting, "Save us! Give praise to the king of Israel who is coming with the authority of the Lord God." [K] 47 Many people spread their clothes on the road. Other people cut down

branches in the fields, and spread them on the road too. 48 The
people in front and in back were shouting, "Hosanna! Give
praise to this one who is coming by the authority of the Lord
God. 49 Give praise to the future kingdom of our ancestor
David. Hosanna to God!"

[L] 50 From the crowd some of the Pharisees said to Jesus,
"Teacher, tell your students not to say such things!" 51 But Jesus
answered, "I am telling you, these things must be said. If my stu-
dents don't say them, then these very stones will shout!"

Jesus cries about Jerusalem.

(Luke 19:41-44)

[L] *(Jerusalem, Bethany)* 52 Jesus came near to Jerusalem and saw
it. He began to cry over the city. 53 Jesus spoke to Jerusalem, "I
wish you knew today what would bring you peace but it is hid-
den from your eyes! 54 A time is coming when your enemies will
build a wall around you. Your enemies will hold you in on all
sides. 55 They will completely destroy you and all of your chil-
dren. Not one stone will remain on top of another. All this will
happen because you didn't know the time when God came to
save you." [J] 56 At first Jesus' students didn't understand these
things but later, when Jesus was raised to life in glory, they
remembered that these things had been written about him and
that they had done these things for him.

57 There was a crowd with Jesus. They were always telling
people about how Jesus called Lazarus from the grave, how he
raised him from death. 58 This is why a crowd met Jesus. They
heard that Jesus had performed this miracle.

59 Then the Pharisees said to one another, "Look! Nothing

we do does any good. Everyone is following Jesus!" [M] 60 When
Jesus came into Jerusalem, the whole city was excited, asking,
"Who is this man?" 61 The most important priests and teachers
of the law became very angry. They saw the amazing things
which Jesus did. They saw children crying out in the temple
courtyard, "Hosanna to the son of David!"

62 The most important priests and teachers of the law asked
Jesus, "Do you hear what they are saying?"

Jesus answered them, "Yes! Have you not read this: 'I will
make praise complete by using the words of small children and
babies.'" 63 Then Jesus left them and went outside of Jerusalem
to the town of Bethany where he spent the night.

Some Greeks ask about Jesus.

(John 12:20-36)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 64 Some non-Jewish people had come up to
Jerusalem to worship God at the festival. 65 They came to Philip,
who was from the town of Bethsaida in the Galilee. They kept
saying to him, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus." 66 Philip went and
told Andrew. Andrew and Philip came and spoke to Jesus.

67 Jesus answered them, "The time has come for me to
receive glory. 68 I am telling you the truth: if one grain of wheat
does not fall into the ground and die, it will always be just one
grain of wheat; but if the grain dies, it will produce a large clus-
ter. 69 The person who loves his own life is destroying it, but the
person who does not value his life in this world will keep his life
forever. 70 If anyone serves me, he must follow me. My servant
will be where I am. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor
that person.

71 "My soul is very troubled now. What should I say: 'Father,
save me from this time of suffering?' No, the reason I came was
for this time. 72 Father, bring glory to Your name!"

Then a Voice spoke from heaven, saying, "I have brought
glory to it and I will bring glory to it again."

73 There was a crowd standing there. They heard the Voice
too. Some of them were saying, "It thundered!" Others were say-
ing, "An angel has spoken to him!"

74 Jesus answered, "This Voice did not speak for my sake —
but for your sake. 75 The time has come for this world to be
judged. The time has come for the ruler of this world to be
thrown out. 76 When I am lifted high above the earth, I will
attract everyone to me." 77 (Jesus was saying this to show what
kind of death he was about to suffer.)

78 The crowd answered him, "In the law we have heard that
the Messiah will live forever. How can you say that the Son of
Man must be nailed to a cross? Who is this 'Son of Man'?"

79 Jesus said to them, "The light is with you only for a little
while longer. Travel while you have the light so that darkness will
not catch you. A person who is walking around in the dark
doesn't know where he is going. 80 Believe in the light while you
have the light. You must be sons of light." When Jesus had fin-
ished speaking, he went away and kept out of sight.

People don't believe Jesus.

(John 12:37-50)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 81 Believe in the light while you have the light. You
must be sons of light." When Jesus had finished speaking, he
went away and kept out of sight.

82 People did not believe in Jesus even though such proofs
from God were in front of them. 83 The message of Isaiah the
prophet has come true: "Lord, who believed our report? To
whom did the Lord God show His power?" 84 They could not
believe for the reason given by Isaiah: 85 "Their eyes are blind
because of God. Their hearts are hard because of God. Other-
wise they could see with their eyes and understand with their
hearts and turn. Then I could heal them."

86 Isaiah said these things because he saw Jesus' glory. Isaiah
was talking about Jesus. 87 Many people, even some of the lead-
ers, believed in Jesus. But they would not say that they believed
because they were afraid of the Pharisees. They didn't want to be
thrown out of the houses of worship. 88 They gave themselves to
the praise from man, expecting something in return, more than
praise from God.

89 Jesus cried out, "The person who believes in me is not
only believing in me, but also in the One who sent me. 90 The
person who sees me sees the One who sent me. 91 I have come as
light into the world so that every person who believes in me will
not stay in the darkness. 92 If someone hears my words and does
not obey them, I am not the one who judges him now. I came to
save the world, not to judge it. 93 The person who rejects me and
does not accept my words has something to condemn him —
the very message which I spoke. That message will condemn him
on the last day. 94 I have not spoken on my own. The Father
Himself sent me. He told me what to say. 95 I know that His
command is eternal life. I am saying exactly what the Father said
to me."

[K] 96 Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courtyard. He looked around at everything there, but it was already late so he went away with the twelve delegates to Bethany.

Jesus curses a fig tree.

(Mark 11:12-14)

[K] *(near Bethany)* 97 The next day, as they were leaving the town of Bethany, Jesus was hungry. 98 Far away he saw a fig tree with lots of leaves. So he went to it to find something to eat. But when he came to it, he found nothing — just leaves. (It was not the season for figs.) 99 Jesus spoke to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you!" Jesus' students were listening.

Jesus clears the Temple again.

(Mark 11:15-25, Matthew 21:12-22, Luke 19:45-48, Luke 21:37-38)

23 [K] *(Jerusalem)* 1 They came into Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple courtyard and he began driving out all the people who were buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 2 Jesus was not allowing anyone to carry containers through the temple courtyard. 3 Jesus was teaching them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a place of prayer for all nations.' — But you have changed it into a hiding place for thieves!" 4 When the most important priests and teachers of the law heard this, they continued trying to find a way to kill Jesus. They were afraid of Jesus because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

[M] 5 Blind people and crippled people came to Jesus in the temple courtyard. He healed them.

[L] 6 Every day, Jesus was teaching the people in the temple
courtyard. The most important priests, the teachers of the law,
and some of the leaders of the people were trying to kill Jesus,
7 but they didn't know how they could do it because all of the
people were listening closely to Jesus. The people were very
interested in what Jesus had to say.

8 During the day Jesus was teaching the people in the temple
courtyard. At night he went out of the city and stayed all night
on the Hill of Olives. 9 Every morning all of the people got up
early to go listen to Jesus in the temple courtyard. [K] 10 When
evening came, Jesus and his students left Jerusalem.

Jesus refuses a question about authority.

(Mark 11:27-33, Matthew 21:23-27, Luke 20:01-08)

[K] *(Jerusalem)* 11 They came into Jerusalem. While Jesus was
walking around in the temple courtyard, the most important
priests, the teachers of the law, and some Jewish leaders came to
him. 12 They were asking him, "What sort of authority do you
have to do these things? Who gave you this authority?" 13 Jesus
answered them, "I will also ask you a question. Answer me and I
will tell you what sort of authority I have to do these things.
14 Was John's immersion from God or from man? Answer me!"
15 They began thinking this among themselves: "If we say 'from
God', then he will say this to us: 'Why didn't you believe John?'
16 But if we say 'from man', we are afraid of the people. All of
them truly believe that John was a prophet." 17 So they answered
Jesus, "We don't know!" Jesus said to them, "Then I am not
telling you what sort of authority I have to do these things
either."

Example of two sons.

(Matthew 21:28-32)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 18 Jesus said to them, "What do you think? A man had two sons. The man came to the first son and said, 'Son, go work in the vineyard today.' 19 The son answered, 'I don't want to!' but later he changed his mind and went. 20 Then the man went to the second son and said the same thing. He answered, 'Yes sir,' but he did not go. 21 Which of the two sons did what their father wanted?" The Jewish leaders answered, "The first one." Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: the tax collectors and prostitutes will go into the kingdom of God before you ever do! 22 John came to you preaching the way of being made right but you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. You saw this but you did not change your mind later to believe what John was saying."

Example of defiant servants.

(Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:01-12, Luke 20:09-19)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 23 "Listen to another story: there was a man who owned some land. He planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a hole for the wine press, and built a lookout tower. Then he rented the land to some farmers and went away on a trip. 24 When harvest time was near, he sent his slaves to the farmers to receive his

part of the grapes. 25 But the farmers grabbed his slaves. They beat one and killed another. They threw stones at another slave until he died. 26 Again the owner sent slaves, more than before, but they did the same thing to those slaves. [K] 27 Again, the owner sent another slave to them. They wounded this slave

in the head and made fun of him.

[M] 28 "Finally, the owner sent his son to them, thinking,
'They will respect my son.' 29 But when the farmers saw the son,
they thought to themselves, 'When the owner dies, his son will
own the vineyard. Come, let us kill him and we will get his field!'
30 So they took the son, threw him out of the vineyard, and
killed him. 31 When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will
he do to those farmers?"

32 The Jewish leaders answered Jesus, "He will kill those evil
men! After that he will give the field to some other farmers who
will share the fruits with him at harvest time."

33 Jesus said to them, "You have read this in the Scriptures:
'The stone that the builders did not want will become the cor-
nerstone. The Lord God makes this happen. It is a wonderful
thing for us to see.' 34 This is why I am telling you that the king-
dom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people
who will make it produce fruit. 35 Everyone who falls on that
stone will be broken. If that stone falls on you, it will crush
you!"

36 When the most important priests and the Pharisees heard
these stories, they knew that he was talking about them. 37 They
wanted to arrest Jesus, but they were afraid of what the crowds
might do to them because the people believed that Jesus was a
prophet.

Example of a king's supper.

(Matthew 22:01-14)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 38 Again Jesus used an example to answer them:

39 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a wedding

party for his son. 40 The king sent his slaves to invite the guests to
the wedding party, but the guests didn't want to come. 41 Again,
the king sent more slaves saying, 'Tell the guests, "Look, I have
prepared the dinner - the steers and fattened calves have been
killed - everything is ready!"' 42 However, the guests didn't care.
They left. One went to his field. One went to his business.
43 The others grabbed the king's slaves, insulted them, and killed
them. 44 The king was very angry. He sent his army to destroy
those murderers and to burn their city. 45 Then the king said to
his slaves, 'The wedding party is still ready, but the guests were
not worthy enough to come. 46 So go to the street corners and
invite whomever you can find to the wedding party.' 47 Those
slaves went out to the streets and gathered up everyone they
could find, good people and bad people. Then the wedding hall
was filled with guests. 48 The king entered and looked at the
guests. He saw a man there who was not wearing wedding
clothes. 49 The king said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here
without being dressed for the wedding?' The man had nothing
to say. 50 Then the king said to the slaves, 'Tie his hands and feet
and throw him outside in the dark. In that place there will be
screaming and grinding of teeth.' 51 Many people are invited, but
few people are chosen."

Jesus answers a question of tribute.

(Matthew 22:15-22, Mark 12:13-17, Luke 20:20-26)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 52 Then the Pharisees came. They had made a
plan to trap Jesus with a question.

[L] 53 So the teachers and priests waited for the right time.
They sent some men to Jesus and told them to act as if they were

good men. They wanted to find something wrong with the words that Jesus said. (If they found anything wrong, then they could hand Jesus over to the high priest and the governor to be punished.) 54 So the men asked Jesus, "Teacher, we know what you say and teach is right. You don't care how important or unimportant a person is. You always teach the truth about God's way. [M] 55 The Pharisees sent some of their students and the students of Herod Antipas to him. They said, "Teacher, we know that you are true and you teach God's true way. It does not matter to you what people think. You don't pay attention to how important someone is. 56 So tell us, what do you think? Is it right that we should pay taxes to Caesar? Yes or no?"

57 But Jesus knew their evil plan. He said, "You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me? 58 Show me the coin for the tax." They brought a silver coin. 59 Jesus said to them, "Whose name and picture is on it?"

60 They answered, "Caesar's."

Jesus said to them, "Then give to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and give to God the things which belong to God." 61 When they heard this, they were amazed. They left him and went away.

Jesus teaches about marriage and resurrection.

(Matthew 22:23-33, Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:27-44)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 62 That same day some Sadducees came to Jesus. (Sadducees believed that no one will rise from death.) They asked Jesus, 63 "Teacher, Moses said that if someone has no children and he dies, his brother must marry the widow. Then they will have children for the dead brother. 64 There were seven

brothers among us. The first one got married, but died. He left
his wife with no children. 65 In the same way the second brother,
the third brother - all seven brothers - died without having chil-
dren. 66 Last of all, the woman died. 67 All seven men had mar-
ried her. So when this woman rises from death, whose wife will
she be?"

68 Jesus answered them, "You are wrong. You don't know
the Scriptures or God's power.

[K] 69 Jesus answered them, "You are wrong! You don't know
either the Scriptures or God's power.

[L] 70 Jesus answered the Sadducees, "During this age, people
marry each other. 71 Some people will be declared worthy
enough to be raised from death and live again after this life.
However, in that life they will not marry or be given in marriage.
72 They cannot die anymore because they will be like angels.
When they rise from death, they will be the children of God. [K]
73 Do people rise from death?

I know you have read what it says in the book of Moses at
the place about the burning bush, how God said to him, 'I am
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'
74 God is not a God of dead people; He is the God of people
who are alive! You are so wrong!"

The greatest commandment.

(Mark 12:28-37, Matthew 22:34-46)

24 [M] *(Jerusalem)* 1 When the Pharisees heard that Jesus
had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

[K] 2 One of the teachers of the law came to Jesus. This man
had heard them arguing with Jesus. He knew that Jesus had

answered them well. So he asked Jesus, "What is the most important command?" 3 Jesus answered, "This is the most important one: 'Listen, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. 4 You must give yourself to the Lord your God, for His good, expecting nothing in return, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 5 The second most important command is this: 'You must give yourself to other people, for their good, expecting nothing in return, the same way you give to yourself.'. There are no commands more important than these two."

6 The teacher of the law said to Jesus, "Fine, Teacher, you spoke the truth. There is only one God; besides Him, there are no other gods. 7 Giving yourself to God, for His good, expecting nothing in return, with all your heart, with all your understanding, and with all your strength, and giving yourself to other people the same way you give to yourself — these are more important than all sacrifices and offerings of animals." 8 When Jesus saw that the man's answer was very wise, he said to him, "You are not far from God's kingdom." No one dared to ask Jesus another trick question.

[M] 9 When some Pharisees gathered, Jesus asked them, 10 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

They answered Jesus, "David's son."

11 Jesus asked them, "Then why did the Spirit (through David) call the Messiah 'Lord'? David wrote: 12 'The Lord God said to my Lord: Sit at My right side until I put your enemies under your feet.' 13 Since David called him 'Lord', how could Messiah be David's son?"

14 No one was able to answer Jesus. From that time on, no
one dared to ask him any more trick questions.

Jesus warns about teachers and Pharisees.

(Matthew 23:01-36, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:45-47)

[M] *(Temple in Jerusalem)* 15 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and
to his students. 16 He said, "The teachers of the law and the
Pharisees sit on Moses' seat of authority. 17 Therefore, do every-
thing they tell you. Obey them. But don't act as they do because
they say one thing and do another. 18 They bind heavy loads and
put them on people's shoulders, but they don't want to lift a fin-
ger to help move them. 19 Everything they do, they do so that
people will notice them. They show off their phylacteries and
they make their tassels long. 20 They like to have the best seats at
the dinners and the most important seats in the houses of wor-
ship. 21 They like the greetings of respect which people give them
in the marketplaces. They like people to call them, 'Master'.
22 You should not be called 'Master' because there is only one
teacher for you. You are all brothers. 23 On earth you should not
be called 'Father' because you have only one Father - the heav-
enly Father. 24 You should not be called 'Leader' because the
Messiah is your only Leader. 25 The most important one among
you will be your slave. 26 Every person who acts as though he is
important will be made ashamed, but every person who truly
humbles himself will be made important.

27 "It will be horrible for you, teachers of the law and Phar-
isees. You hypocrites! You shut the door to the kingdom of
heaven in people's faces! You will not go in and you stop those
who are trying to get in. 28 It will be horrible for you, teachers of

the law and Pharisees. You are hypocrites, because you rob widows' houses while you make long prayers for a show. You will receive greater condemnation. 29 It will be horrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees. You hypocrites! You travel all over the world to make one convert. And when you convert him, you make him twice as much a child of hell as you are!

30 "It will be horrible for you, you blind guides who say, 'It is not important if someone makes a vow to God by the temple sanctuary. But if someone makes a vow to God by the gold in the temple sanctuary, he is guilty!' 31 You are foolish and blind! What is more important? The gold or the temple sanctuary which makes the gold holy? 32 You also say, 'If someone vows to God by the altar, it does not matter. But if someone vows to God by the gift on the altar, he is guilty!' 33 You blind men! Which is more important? The gift or the altar which makes the gift holy? 34 The person who vows to God by the altar vows to God by the altar and everything on the altar. 35 The person who vows to God by the temple sanctuary vows by the sanctuary and by the One who dwells there. 36 The person who vows to God by heaven vows to God by God's throne and the One who sits upon it.

37 "It will be horrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees. You hypocrites! It is true that you give God ten percent of everything you have. You even give Him ten percent of your spices - mint, dill, and cumin. But you forget about more important things in the law: being fair to other people, giving mercy, and faith. You should always tithe, but you must remember to do the more important things too. 38 You blind guides! You

strain out the gnat, but you swallow the camel!

39 "It will be horrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees. You hypocrites! You wash the outside of the cup or the bowl. But inside, there are the things you got by cheating other people and pleasing yourselves. 40 Blind Pharisees! Make the inside of the cup clean first, so that the outside of it will be clean too.

41 "It will be horrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees. You hypocrites! You are like tombs which have been painted white. They seem to be very beautiful outside, but inside they are full of all kinds of filth and the bones of dead people. 42 You are the same way. Outside you seem good to people, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and sin.

43 "It will be horrible for you, teachers of the law and Pharisees. You hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets. You make the graves of good people beautiful. 44 You claim, 'If we had lived in the time of our ancestors, we would not have helped them kill the prophets.' 45 So you are admitting you are the sons of the men who murdered the prophets! 46 You are finishing what your ancestors started. 47 You snakes! You are from a family of poisonous snakes! How will you escape the judgment of hell? 48 Look! I am sending you prophets, wise men, and teachers of the law. You will kill some of them and you will nail others to crosses. You will whip some of them in your houses of worship. You will chase them from town to town. 49 You will have to answer for the death of every good person who has been killed on earth. You will have to answer for all the spilled blood from the murder of Abel to the murder of Zechariah, the son of

Barachiah. You murdered Zechariah between the temple sanctuary and the altar.

50 "I am telling you the truth: all these things will happen to the people of this generation!

Jesus again cries about Jerusalem.

(Matthew 23:37-39)

[M] *(Temple in Jerusalem)* 51 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets. God sent you His men, but you stoned them to death. I have often wanted to gather up your people, as a hen gathers up her baby chicks under her wings, but you refused. 52 Listen! Your house is completely abandoned. 53 I tell you, you will never see me again until you say, 'Praise to the one who is coming with the authority of the Lord God.'"

Jesus teaches about giving.

(Luke 21:01-04, Mark 12:41-44)

[L] *(Temple in Jerusalem)* 54 As Jesus looked up, he saw some rich people putting their gifts for God into the temple money box. 55 Then Jesus saw a widow who was very poor. She put two small coins into the box. 56 Jesus said, "I am telling you the truth: this poor widow has given more than all those rich people. 57 The rich people have plenty; they only gave what they didn't need, but this woman gave everything she had. She needed that money to live on."

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple.

(Matthew 24:01-28, Mark 13:01-23, Luke 21:05-26)

[M] *(Temple in Jerusalem)* 58 Jesus left the temple courtyard. While he was walking away, his students came to him to show him the beautiful things of the temple area. 59 Jesus said to them,

"Do you see all these things? I am telling you the truth: everything you see here will be destroyed. No stone will stay on top of another. Everything will be completely destroyed!"

60 While Jesus was sitting on the Hill of Olives, his students came to him alone. They asked, "Tell us, when will these things happen? How will we know when it is the time for you to return? When will the end of the age be?"

61 Jesus answered them, "Be careful! Don't let anyone fool you. 62 Many people will come to you using my name. They will say, 'I am the Messiah!' And they will fool many people. 63 You will hear about wars and wars that are about to begin. Be sure that you don't get upset. These things must happen, but the end will come later. 64 One country will fight against another country. Kingdoms will fight against other kingdoms. There will not be enough food to eat. Everywhere there will be earthquakes, 65 but all these things are only the beginning of the pain. 66 Then they will hand you over to some men for torturing. They will kill you. All people will hate you because of my name. [L] 67 There will be great earthquakes, sicknesses, and other terrible things in many places. In some places there will be no food for the people. Great wonders and amazing proofs will come from heaven. 68 But before all of these things happen, men will arrest you and persecute you. They will hand you over to their house of worship courts and throw you in jail. Men will lead you to kings and governors because you are associated with my name.

69 "But this will give you an opportunity to tell about all of the things you have seen me do. 70 Don't worry about how you will answer them or what you will say. 71 I will give you the abil-

ity to speak well with much wisdom. None of your enemies will be able to show that you are wrong. 72 Even your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends will turn against you. They will have some of you put to death. 73 All people will hate you because of my name, 74 but not one hair on your head will be harmed. 75 By enduring all of these things, you will keep your souls. [M] 76 Many false prophets will appear. They will fool many people.
77 Because the influence of sin will be so strong, the giving of self to others, for their good, expecting nothing in return of many people, will grow cold. 78 But the person who endures until the end will be saved. 79 This Good News about the kingdom will be preached in the whole world so that all nations may hear the truth. And then the end will come.

80 "When you see what God talked about through Daniel the prophet - 'The Abomination of Desolation' - standing in the holy place (let the reader note the meaning),

[L] 81 "You will see armies all around Jerusalem. Then you will know that the time for the destruction of Jerusalem is very near. [M] 82 then those people who are in Judea must run away to the mountains. 83 The person who is on top of his house must not come down to carry things in the house away with him.
84 The person who is in the field must not turn back to get his robe. [L] 85 At that time the ones in Judea should run away to the mountains. Those inside Jerusalem must leave quickly. If you are near the city, don't go in! [M] 86 At that time it will be horrible for pregnant women and nursing mothers. [L] 87 Some of the people will be killed by soldiers. Other people will be made prisoners and taken to every nation. The holy city of Jerusalem will be

walked on by people of the world until their time is completed.
88 The prophets wrote many things about the time when God
will punish His people. This is the time when all of these things
must occur. [M] 89 Pray that the time when you escape will not be
during winter or on a Sabbath day. 90 There will be great suffer-
ing. Never has there been such suffering since the beginning of
the world until the present time and there will never be such
suffering in the future. [L] 91 Some of the people will be killed by
soldiers. Other people will be made prisoners and taken to every
nation. The holy city of Jerusalem will be walked on by people
of the world until their time is completed. 92 Amazing things
will occur with the sun, moon, and stars. On earth, people with-
out God will feel trapped. The oceans will be upset and the peo-
ple will not know why. [M] 93 If that period of time were to last
any longer, then no one would be left alive. But those times will
be cut short because of the people chosen by God.

94 "At that time if someone says to you, 'Look, here is the
Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' don't believe him. 95 False messiahs
and false prophets will appear. They will perform such great
proofs and miracles to fool people - even God's chosen people, if
that were possible. 96 Listen! I am telling you ahead of time. 97 If
they say this to you, 'Look, he is in the desert!' don't go out
there! or, 'He is in secret rooms!' don't believe them!

98 "I will return. On the day when I come, I will shine, as
lightning flashes across the sky, from the east to the west. 99 Peo-
ple can always know where a dead body is - they can see the vul-
tures gathering.

Jesus predicts his own return.

(Matthew 24:29-51, Mark 13:24-37, Luke 21:27-36)

25 [M] *(Temple in Jerusalem)* 1 Soon after the trouble of
those times, 'The sun will become dark. The light of
the moon will not be seen The stars will fall from the sky. The
powers in the universe will be moved.' [L] 2 Amazing things will
occur with the sun, moon, and stars. On earth, people without
God will feel trapped. The oceans will be upset and the people
will not know why. 3 Men will become so afraid that they will
faint. They will be very worried about the things which will hap-
pen to the whole world. The powers in the universe will be
moved. 4 Then people will see me coming on a cloud with power
and great glory. [M] 5 I will use a loud trumpet to send out my
angels. From all directions the angels will gather together my
chosen people.

6 "Learn from the story about the fig tree: when its branches
start to become soft and green, and new leaves begin to grow,
you know that summer is near. 7 In the same way, when you see
all these things happening, you will know that the time is very,
very near. 8 I am telling you the truth: all these things will hap-
pen in this generation. 9 The world will be destroyed, but my
words will never be destroyed! 10 No one knows when that exact
time will be. The angels of heaven do not know it. The Son
doesn't know it. Only the heavenly Father knows.

11 "When I come, it will be just as it was in Noah's time.
12 People were eating, drinking, getting married, giving their
daughters away in marriage - even on the day when Noah
entered the ark. 13 The people did not know the truth until the

flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when
I come. 14 At that time there will be two men in the field; one
will be taken and one will be left. 15 Two women will be grinding
grain; one will be taken and the other will be left. 16 So watch!
You don't know on what day your Lord is coming. 17 Know this:
if a homeowner knew what time of night a robber was coming,
he would watch for the robber and not let him break into his
house. 18 This is why you must be ready. I will come at a time
when you are not expecting me.

19 "Who is the wise and trusted slave? Who is the slave whom
the master can choose to take care of the master's family and the
other slaves by giving them food at the right time? 20 When the
master comes and finds that slave doing the work he gave him,
that slave will be very happy. 21 I am telling you the truth: the
master will choose that slave to take care of everything which the
master owns. 22 However, if that slave thinks his master will not
come back soon, 23 then he may begin to beat the other slaves.
That slave may also eat all the food and get drunk with other
men. 24 Then the master of that slave will come when that slave
is not ready, at a time when that slave is not expecting him.
25 Then the master will punish that slave and send him away.
This is what the master does to all the slaves he cannot trust. In
that place there will be screaming and grinding of teeth." [K] 26 Be
careful! Watch and pray, because you don't know when the right
time will be.

[L] 27 "The world will be destroyed, but my words will never
be destroyed! 28 Be careful! Otherwise your hearts will become
burdened with drinking, getting drunk, and the worries of this

life. That day may come suddenly when you are not ready. 29 It
will come as a surprise to all people who live on earth. 30 So be
ready all the time. Pray that you will be strong enough to endure
all of these things when they occur and to stand before me." [K]
31 It will be like a man who left his house for a trip. He gave his
slaves authority. Each one of them had a job. He ordered the
doorkeeper to watch closely.

32 "So watch! You don't know when I am coming. It might
be in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at sunrise. 33 If I
come suddenly, you must not let me find you sleeping. 34 I am
telling you and everyone else — watch!"

Example of the 10 virgins.

(Matthew 25:01-13)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 35 Jesus said, "At that time the kingdom of heaven
will be like ten virgins. They took their lamps and went out to
meet the groom. 36 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
37 The foolish ones took their lamps, but they did not take extra
oil with them. 38 The wise virgins took extra oil in their jars with
their lamps. 39 The groom was late. All of the virgins became
sleepy. They fell asleep. 40 About midnight there was a shout:
'Look, the groom! Go out and meet him!' 41 Then all ten virgins
got up and prepared their lamps. 42 But the foolish virgins said to
the wise virgins, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps
have almost gone out.' 43 The wise virgins answered, 'No! There
would not be enough for all of us. Instead, go to the store and
buy some more oil.' 44 While these virgins were gone to buy
some more oil, the groom came. The wise virgins, who were
ready, went inside with him to the wedding party. And the door

was shut. 45 Later, the other virgins came and said, 'Master, master, open the door for us!' 46 But the Master answered, 'I am telling you the truth: I don't know you.' 47 So watch! You don't know the day or the exact hour when I will come."

Example of talents.

(Matthew 25:14-30)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 48 "The kingdom of heaven will be like a man leaving on a trip. He called his slaves and turned his property over to them. 49 He gave five talents to one, two talents to one, and one talent to another. Each man received what he was able to manage. Then the man went on the trip. 50 The man with five talents went out immediately and earned five more talents. 51 In the same way the man with two talents earned two more talents. 52 But the man with one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and buried his master's money. 53 After a long time, the master of those slaves came back. He made them give an account. 54 The man who had received five talents came and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you turned five talents over to me but, look, I earned five more talents!' 55 His master said to him, 'Fine! You are a good and faithful slave. I see that I can trust you with small things. Therefore I will put you in charge of important things. Come and share your master's happiness.' 56 The man with two talents came and said, 'Master, you turned two talents over to me but, look, I have earned two more talents!' 57 His master said to him, 'Fine! You are a good and faithful slave. I see that I can trust you with small things. Therefore I will put you in charge of important things. Come and share your master's happiness.' 58 Then the man who had

received one talent came. He said, 'Master, I knew you were a hard man. You take money which you didn't earn and you gather food which you didn't grow. 59 So I was afraid. I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Look, here is your talent.' 60 His master answered, 'You evil, lazy slave! You knew that I take money which I didn't earn and gather food which I didn't grow.

61 Therefore you should have put my money in the bank. Then when I returned, I could have my money, with interest too. 62 Take the talent away from him and give it to the man who has ten talents. 63 The person who uses what he has will get more, but the person who doesn't use what he has will have everything taken away from him. 64 Throw this useless slave outside into the dark. In that place there will be screaming and grinding of teeth.'

Jesus teaches about judgment day.

(Matthew 25:31-46)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 65 "When I come with my glory and all my angels, then I will sit on my glorious throne. 66 All the people in the world will be gathered in front of me. I will separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 67 I will put the sheep on the right side and the goats on the left side. 68 Then I will say to the people on the right side, 'You are blessed by my Father. Come, take what belongs to you - the kingdom which was prepared for you since the beginning of the world. 69 I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you took me into your home. 70 I had no clothes, so you gave me some clothes. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in jail and

you came to visit me.'

71 Then the people made right will answer him, 'Lord, when
did we see you? When did we feed you when you were hungry?
When did we give you something to drink when you were
thirsty? 72 When did we see you as a stranger and take you into
our homes? When did you need clothes and we gave you some
clothes? 73 When were you sick or in jail? When did we come to
you?' 74 I will answer them, 'I am telling you the truth: since you
treated some of my so-called "unimportant" brothers this way,
you did it to me!'

75 "Then I will say to the people on the left side, 'Go away
from me into eternal fire. You are condemned! The fire has been
prepared for the devil and his angels. 76 I was hungry and you
gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to
drink. 77 I was a stranger and you didn't take me into your
homes. I had no clothes and you didn't give me any. I was sick; I
was in jail, but you didn't take care of me.' 78 Then they will
answer, 'Lord, when did we see you? When were you hungry,
thirsty, a stranger, without clothes, sick, or in jail and we didn't
help you?' 79 Then I will answer them, 'I am telling you the
truth: since you didn't treat one of these so-called "unimpor-
tant" people with kindness, you didn't do it to me, either.'
80 Then these people will go off into eternal punishment, but
the people made right will go into eternal life."

Mary washes Jesus' feet with perfume.

(Matthew 26:06-13, Mark 14:01-11, John 12:01-11)

[M] *(Bethany)* 81 Jesus was in the town of Bethany in Simon's
house. (Simon had been a leper.) 82 A woman came to Jesus. She

had an alabaster jar of some very expensive perfume. While Jesus was at the table, she poured it on his head. [J] 83 They gave a dinner for Jesus. Martha was helping and Lazarus was one of the guests with Jesus. 84 Mary brought in about 0.5 liter of a very expensive perfume — pure nard. She rubbed it on Jesus' feet. Then she dried his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the smell of perfume. [M] 85 When Jesus' students saw this, they became very angry. They asked, "Why waste this? 86 This could have been sold for a lot of money and given to poor people!"

[J] 87 One of Jesus' students was ready to turn against Jesus. This was Judas Iscariot. He said, 88 "Why wasn't this perfume sold for 300 silver coins and given to some poor people?" 89 (Judas did not say this because he cared about poor people. Judas was a thief; he was the one who was always carrying the group's bag of money.)

[M] 90 Jesus was in the town of Bethany in Simon's house. (Simon had been a leper.) 91 A woman came to Jesus. She had an alabaster jar of some very expensive perfume. While Jesus was at the table, she poured it on his head. 92 When Jesus' students saw this, they became very angry. They asked, "Why waste this? 93 This could have been sold for a lot of money and given to poor people!"

Judas plots to betray Jesus.

(Matthew 26:01-06, Matthew 26:01-06, Mark 14:01-11)

26 [M] *(Bethany)* 1 When Jesus finished saying all these things, he said this to his students, 2 "You know that the day after tomorrow is the beginning of the Passover. I will be handed over to be nailed to a cross."

3 Then the most important priests and the Jewish elders of
the people gathered together at the high priest's house. His name
was Caiaphas. 4 They planned to use a trick to arrest Jesus and
kill him, 5 but they said, "Let us not do it during the Festival, so
that there will be no trouble among the people." [L] 6 One of
Jesus' twelve delegates was named Judas Iscariot. Satan entered
Judas. 7 He went off and talked with the most important priests
and some of the soldiers who guarded the temple. Judas talked
to them about a plan he had to hand Jesus over to them. [M] 8 He
said, "If I were to hand Jesus over to you, what would you pay
me?" They agreed with him on the price - 30 silver coins. [L]
9 They were pleased. They agreed to give Judas some money.
10 Judas said, "Yes." He waited for the best time to give Jesus to
them — when there was no crowd around to see it.

Peter and John prepare the Passover meal.

(Luke 22:07-13, Mark 14:12-16, Matthew 26:14-16)

[L] *(Jerusalem)* 11 The day came for the Passover Feast. This was
the day when the priests sacrificed the Passover lambs. 12 Jesus
sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal
for us to eat." 13 Peter and John said to Jesus, "Where do you
want us to prepare the meal?" Jesus said to them, 14 "Listen!
After you go into Jerusalem, you will see a man carrying a jar of
water. Follow him. He will go into a house. Go inside with him.
15 "Say this to the owner of that house: 'The Teacher asks
that you please show us the room where the Teacher and his stu-
dents may eat the Passover Feast.' 16 Then he will show you a
large upstairs room. This room is ready. Prepare the Passover
meal there."

17 So Peter and John left. Everything happened just as Jesus
had told them. Then they prepared the Passover meal.

Jesus washes the Disciples' Feet.

(John 13:01-20, Luke 22:24-30, Matthew 26:17-20)

[L] *(Jerusalem)* 18 Later, the delegates began to argue about which
one of them was the most important.

19 But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the nations rule over
their people. Men who have authority over other people are
called 'benefactors'. 20 But you must not think that way. The
greatest person among you should be like the younger person.
Leaders should be like servants. 21 Who is more important? A
man who is sitting at the table or the one who is serving him?
You may think it is the one sitting at the table but I am like a ser-
vant among you!

22 "You men have stayed with me through many struggles.
23 My Father has given me a kingdom. I also give you authority
to rule with me. 24 In my kingdom you will eat and drink at my
table. You will sit on thrones and judge the twelve tribes of
Israel."

[J] 25 Just before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that his
time had come; He must pass from this world to the Father.
Jesus had given himself to his own people in this world to the
very end, for their good, expecting nothing in return. Jesus now
showed them the full extent of his giving to them, for their
good, expecting nothing in return. 26 It was time for the evening
meal. The devil had already put it in Judas' heart to turn against
Jesus. (Judas Iscariot was the son of Simon.) 27 Jesus knew that
the Father had put everything into his hands. He knew that he

had come from God and that he was going back to God.

28 Jesus got up from the evening meal and laid his outer clothes aside. He took a towel and wrapped it around his waist. 29 Then Jesus put water into a bowl. He began to wash his students' feet. He dried their feet with the towel which was around his waist.

30 Then Jesus came to Simon Peter. Peter asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

31 Jesus answered him, "You may not understand what I am doing now, but you will understand it later."

32 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I don't wash you, you are not sharing with me."

33 Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, wash not only my feet; wash my hands and head too!"

34 Jesus said to him, "The person who has already had a bath needs only to wash his feet when they get dirty; his whole body is clean. You are clean — but not all of you!" 35 Jesus knew who was turning against him. That is why Jesus said, "Not all of you are clean!"

36 After Jesus had washed their feet, he put on his outer clothes and sat down at the table again. He asked them, "Do you know what I have just done to you? 37 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord'. You are right, because I am the Teacher and the Lord. 38 Since I, the Lord and Teacher, washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. 39 I have given you an example: you should do things for others as I have done for you. 40 I am telling you the truth: a slave is not more important than his master. A

messenger is not more important than the one who sent him.
41 Since you know these things, you will be blessed if you practice them.

42 "I am not talking about all of you. I know the ones whom
I have chosen. The Scripture must come true: 'The person who
was eating my food turned against me.' 43 I am telling you now
before it happens so that, when it does happen, you may believe
that I am the Messiah. 44 I am telling you the truth: if anyone
accepts someone whom I send, he is accepting me too! The per-
son who accepts me is accepting the One who sent me."

Jesus reveals the traitor.

(John 13:21-30, Matthew 26:21-25, Mark 14:17-21, Luke 22:21-23)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 45 After Jesus said these things, he was very troubled in his spirit. He told them openly, "I am telling you the truth: one of you will turn against me!" 46 Jesus' students began looking at one another. They were wondering which one he was talking about. [K] 47 They began to be sad. Each one of them asked Jesus, "I am not the one, am I?" 48 Jesus answered, "It is one of the twelve men who dipped his hand in the same dinner bowl with me. 49 I will die, just as it is written about me. However, how horrible it will be for that man who turned against me. It would be better if that man had never been born!"

[J] 50 One of his students (the one to whom Jesus gave himself, expecting nothing in return) was sitting very close to Jesus.
51 Simon Peter signaled to this student. Peter wanted him to ask Jesus, "Which one are you talking about?"

52 So that student moved very close to Jesus and whispered to him, "Lord, who is it?"

53 Jesus answered, "After I dip this piece of bread in the
sauce, I will give it to that person." Then Jesus dipped a piece of
bread into the sauce and gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of
Simon.

[M] 54 Judas (the one who turned against him) answered,
"Master, I am not the one, am I?" Jesus answered Judas, "Yes,
you are."

[J] 55 When this happened, Satan went into Judas. Then Jesus
said to him, "Do what you plan to do quickly!"

56 None of the guests knew why Jesus said this to him.
57 Since Judas kept the group's bag of money, some were think-
ing that Jesus meant: "Buy what we need for the feast." or "Give
something to the poor people."

58 So Judas took the piece of bread and went out immedi-
ately. And it was night.

Jesus establishes a New Commandment.

(John 13:31-38, Luke 22:31-38)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 59 After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now I am given
glory and, in me, God is given glory. 60 Since God is given glory
in me, God will give me glory for myself; He will do it immedi-
ately. 61 Little children, I am still with you a little while longer.
Just as I said to the Jewish leaders, 'You will look for me but
where I am going you cannot come': I am saying the same thing
to you now.

62 "I am giving you a new command — give yourselves to
others, for their good, expecting nothing in return. You must
give yourselves to others, for their good, expecting nothing in
return, just as I have given myself to you, for your good, expect-

ing nothing in return.

63 "Giving yourselves to others, for their good, expecting
nothing in return, is how everyone will know that you are my
students."

64 Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered him, "I am going where you cannot follow
now, but you will follow later."

65 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I
would give up my life for you!"

66 Jesus answered, "Would you give up your life for me? I am
telling you the truth: before the rooster crows tomorrow morn-
ing, you will say that you don't even know me. You will do it
three different times!"

Jesus establishes the Lord's Supper.

(Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-20, Mark 14:26-31)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 67 While they were eating, Jesus took bread and
gave thanks. He broke off some of the bread and gave it to his
students. He said, "Take it and eat it. This bread is my body."
68 Then he took a cup. He gave thanks to God for it and gave it
to them. He said, "All of you, drink from it. 69 This is my blood
which I am pouring out for many people for the forgiveness of
sins. It shows the new covenant which God has set up with men.
70 I tell you, from now on I will never drink this fruit of the vine
again until the day when I drink it new with you in my Father's
kingdom."

71 Then they sang a song of praise and went out to the Hill
of Olives.

Jesus explains his death and what comes after.

(John 14:01-31, John 15:01-27, John 16:01-33)

27 [J] *(Jerusalem)* 1 "Don't let your heart be troubled. You
trust in God; trust in me too. 2 There are many rooms
in my Father's house. I would have told you if that were not true.
I am going away to prepare a place for you. 3 Since I am leaving
to prepare a place for you, you can be sure that I will come back
and take you with me so that you will be where I am. 4 You know
the road to where I am going."

5 Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you
are going. How can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life!
The only way anyone can come to the Father is through me! 7 If
you had known me, you would have known my Father. But even
now, you do know Him and you have seen Him."

8 Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father; that would
be enough for us."

9 Jesus asked him, "Philip, have I been with you such a long
time and you have not known me? The person who has seen me
has seen the Father! How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
10 You believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,
don't you? The words which I use to speak to you are not words
I use on my own. The Father performs His miracles; He stays in
me. 11 Believe me, I am in the Father and the Father is in me. At
least, believe because of these miracles.

12 "I am telling you the truth: the person who believes in me
will do the same deeds that I am performing. He will do even
greater things than these. I am going to the Father. 13 I will do

whatever you ask for in my name. The Father will receive glory in the Son. 14 If you ask for something in my name, I will do it.
15 If you give yourself to me, obey my commands. 16 I will ask my Father and He will give you another Comforter, that he might be with you forever; 17 the Spirit of truth. He will be with you forever. The people of the world cannot accept him, because they don't see him or know him, but you know him because he stays with you — he is in you.

18 "I will not abandon you as though you were orphans. I am coming to you. 19 A little longer and the people of the world will not see me anymore. However, you will see me. You will live because I live. 20 At that time, you will know that I am in my Father; you are in me, and I am in you. 21 The person who accepts my commands and obeys them is the one who truly gives himself to me. My Father will give Himself to the person who gives himself to me, and I will give myself to him, for his good and make myself known to him."

22 Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said to Jesus, "Lord, what has happened that you are ready to reveal yourself to us but not to the people of the world?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone gives himself to me, for my good, expecting nothing in return, and obeys my teaching, my Father will give Himself to him, for his good, expecting nothing in return. We will come and live in him. 24 The person who does not give himself to me, for my good, expecting nothing in return, will not obey my teachings. The message you are hearing is not mine; it belongs to the Father who sent me. 25 I have said these things to you while I am staying with you. 26 The Com-

forter will teach you everything. He will cause you to remember everything I have told you. He is the Holy Spirit. The Father will send him with my authority.

27 "I am leaving peace with you. I am giving you my peace. This peace that I am giving you is not like the type that the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or afraid. 28 You have heard me say: 'I am leaving but I will come back to you.' If you really gave yourselves to me, for my good, you would be glad that I am traveling to the Father. My Father is greater than I am.

29 "Now I have told you before it happens so that when it happens, you will believe. 30 I will not say many more things while I am with you. The ruler of the world is coming. He can do nothing to me. 31 I must do as my Father ordered me so that the people of the world may know that I give myself to the Father, expecting nothing in return. Get up! Let us go away from here.

32 "I am the true vine. My Father is the farmer. 33 My Father takes away any branch in me which is not producing fruit. My Father trims each branch which is producing fruit so that it will produce more fruit. 34 You are already clean because of the message I have spoken to you. 35 Stay in me and I will stay in you. No branch can produce fruit on its own; it must stay on the vine. In the same way you cannot produce fruit unless you stay in me.

36 "I am the vine; you are the branches. Who will produce much fruit? The person who stays in me and in whom I stay. You can do nothing without me! 37 If someone does not stay in me, he is like a branch which is thrown away. He dries up. Peo-

ple gather dead branches and throw them into the fire, and they burn up. 38 If you stay in me and my words stay in you, then you may ask for whatever you want and it will happen for you.

39 "You must produce much fruit and be my students. This is how my Father gets glory. 40 I give myself to you, for your good, expecting nothing in return, just as the Father gives Himself to me, for my good, expecting nothing in return. Remain in my giving to others, expecting nothing in return. 41 I have obeyed my Father's commands and I remain in His giving to others, for their good, expecting nothing in return. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my giving to others.

42 "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. 43 This is my command: give yourself to others, for their good, expecting nothing in return, as I have given myself to you, for your good, expecting nothing in return. 44 Suppose someone gives up his life for his friends. No one has greater giving to others — for their good, expecting nothing in return — than this.

45 "You are my friends if you do what I command you to do. 46 I am no longer calling you 'slaves' because a slave doesn't know what his master is doing. I am calling you 'friends' because I have revealed to you everything which I have heard from my Father. 47 You did not choose me; I chose you! I have appointed you to go and produce fruit. Your fruit will last. My Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. 48 Give yourselves to others, for their good, expecting nothing in return! I am commanding you to do this!

49 "If the people of the world hate you, remember that they

hated me first. 50 If you were from the world, the world would
love you. I chose you from out of the world. You are not in the
world anymore. That is why the people of the world hate you.
51 Do you remember the lesson I taught you: 'No slave is more
important than his master.'? Since they persecuted me, they will
persecute you. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey your
teaching. 52 The people of the world will do all these things to
you because of my name; they didn't know the One who sent
me.

53 "If I had not come and talked to them, they would not be
so guilty; but now they have no excuse for their sin. 54 A person
who hates me hates my Father too. 55 They would not be so
guilty if I had not performed deeds among them which no one
has ever done. But they have now seen the miracles. They have
hated me and my Father. 56 It was necessary for this verse written
in their law to come true: 'They have no reason to hate me.'

57 "I will send you the Comforter from the Father. He is the
Spirit of truth who is coming out from the Father. When he
comes, he will tell the truth about me. 58 You will testify too,
because you were with me from the very beginning.

59 "I have said these things to you so that you will not be led
into sin. 60 They will throw you out of the houses of worship.
The time is coming when each person who kills you will think
he is offering service to God. 61 They do not know the Father or
me. That is why they will do these things. 62 But I have told you
these things so when the time comes, you will remember that I
warned you. I did not tell you this in the beginning because I
was with you; 63 but now I am going to the One who sent me.

Not one of you is asking me 'Where are you going?'.

64 "You feel very sad, because I have told you these things.
65 But I am telling you the truth: if I leave, it is really better for
you. If I don't leave, the Comforter won't come to you. How-
ever, if I go away, I will send him to you. 66 He will prove that the
people of the world are wrong about sin, wrong about what is
made right, and wrong about judgment: 67 about sin, because
they are not believing in me; 68 about what is made right,
because I am going to the Father and you will not see me any-
more; 69 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has
been condemned.

70 "I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot take it
right now. 71 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you
into all truth. He will not speak on his own authority. He will
say whatever he hears. He will tell you about things to come.
72 He will give me glory. He will take what I am saying and will
tell it to you. 73 Everything that belongs to my Father belongs to
me too. This is why I said, 'He will take what I am saying and tell
it to you.'"

74 Jesus said, "In a little while you will not see me anymore
but then, after a little while, you will see me because I go to the
Father!"

75 Some of Jesus' students said to one another, "What is the
meaning of what he told us: 'In a little while you will not see me
anymore but then, after a little while, you will see me', and 'I am
going to the Father'? 76 What does this 'little while' mean? We
don't know what he is talking about!"

77 Jesus knew that they were wanting to ask him a question.

He said to them, "Were you arguing with one another about
what I said: 'In a little while you won't see me anymore but then
after a little while you will see me'? 78 I am telling you the truth:
you will cry and be sad but the people of the world will be glad.
You will be full of sorrow but your sorrow will change into joy.

79 "When a woman is giving birth, she has much pain. Her
time has come. But after the child is born, she no longer remem-
bers the suffering; she is so happy that a human being is born
into the world. 80 You may have pain now but I will see you
again. Your heart will be glad. No one will be able to take your
joy away from you.

81 "At that time you will ask me no questions. I am telling
you the truth: the Father will give you whatever you ask for in
my name. 82 Thus far you have not asked for anything in my
name. Ask now and you will receive. Your joy will be complete.
83 I have used symbolic examples to tell you about these things.
The time is coming when I will no longer use examples like that.
I will speak plainly to you. I will tell you about the Father. 84 At
that time you will use my name to ask for things. I am not saying
that I will ask the Father for your sake.

85 "The Father Himself loves you, because you love me and
have believed that I came from God. 86 I did come from the
Father and I have come into the world. But now I am leaving the
world and going back to the Father."

87 Jesus' students said, "Listen, now you are talking plainly.
You are not using figurative language anymore. 88 Now we know
that you know everything! There is no need for anyone to ask
you more questions. This is why we believe that you came from

God."

89 Jesus asked them, "Do you really believe now? 90 Listen,
the time is coming — it's already here — when you will all be
scattered, every man for himself. You will abandon me. How-
ever, I am really not alone; the Father is with me. 91 I have said
these things to you so that you may have peace in me. You will
have trouble in the world, but be strong; I have conquered the
world."

Jesus prays.

(John 17:01-26)

28 [J] *(Jerusalem)* 1 After Jesus said these things, he looked
up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come.
Bring glory to Your Son so that Your Son may bring glory to
You. 2 You have given him authority over all mankind. To each
one that You have given the Son You will give eternal life. 3 This
is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and
Jesus Christ, the one whom You sent. 4 I have brought You glory
on the earth. I finished the work which You gave me to do.
5 Now, Father, give me glory — the glory I had with You when I
was with You before the world existed.

6 "I have revealed Your name to men. You gave these men to
me from the world. They were Your people and You gave them
to me. They have obeyed Your teaching. 7 They now know that
everything You have given me comes from You. 8 I have given
them the words which You gave me. They have received them.
They knew I really did come from You. They believed that You
sent me.

9 "I am praying for them, not for the world. I am praying for

those people You have given me because they belong to You.
10 Everything that is mine is Yours. Everything that is Yours is
mine too. In them I have received glory. 11 I am not in the world
anymore, but they are in the world. I am coming to You. Holy
Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given
me. May they be united as we are.

12 "When I was with them, I was always keeping them in
Your name, the name You have given me. I have protected them.
Not one of them was lost — only the child of destruction; the
Scripture must come true. 13 Now I am coming to You. I am say-
ing these things in the world so that these men may have my
complete joy in them. 14 I have given them Your message. The
people of the world hated them because they don't come from
this world. I am not from this world either. 15 I do not pray that
You take them out of the world — just keep them from the evil
one. 16 I don't come from the world; they don't come from the
world either. 17 Your message is the truth. May the truth make
them holy! 18 I sent them into the world, just as You sent me into
the world. 19 I keep myself holy for them, so that they will be
holy by the truth.

20 "I pray not only for them, but also for the people who
believe in me through their teaching. 21 May all of them be
united, just as You are in me and I am in You, Father. I pray that
they will be in us so that the people of the world may believe
that You sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that You have
given me. May they be one, as we are one: 23 I in them and You
in me. May they be completely united so that the people of the
world will know that You sent me and that You have given your-

self to them, for their good, expecting nothing in return, as You have given yourself to me, for my good, expecting nothing in return.

24 "Father, You gave Yourself to me, for my good, expecting nothing in return, before the world was created. You have given me glory. I want them to see it. I want them to be with me where I will be. 25 Just Father, the people of the world do not know You, but I know You. These very men know that You sent me. 26 I revealed Your name to them and I will reveal it. I want them to have the same giving that You gave to me, for my good, expecting nothing in return. I want to be in them too."

Jesus and the delegates go to pray.

(Matthew 26:37-46, Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46, John 18:01)

[M] *(Gethsemane)* 27 Then Jesus said to them, "Tonight all of you will be ashamed of me. This is written: 'I will strike the shepherd and the flock of sheep will be scattered.' 28 However, after I rise from death, I will go ahead of you to the Galilee."

29 Peter answered him, "Everyone else may be ashamed of you, but I will never be ashamed of you!"

30 Jesus said to Peter, "I tell you the truth: before the rooster crows in the morning, you will say you don't even know me three different times!"

31 Peter answered him, "Even if I must die with you, I will always be loyal to you." All of Jesus' students said the same thing.

32 Then Jesus and his students went to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

33 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. He
began to feel sad and depressed. 34 Then he said to them, "My
soul is full of sorrow; I am going to die. Stay here and be watch-
ful with me." 35 Then Jesus went forward a short distance and
bowed down to pray. He said, "My Father, if it is possible, take
this cup of suffering away from me - but what You want is more
important than what I want."

[K] 36 Then Jesus went ahead a short distance and fell down
on the ground. He was praying that, if possible, this time might
pass away from him.

[M] 37 Then Jesus came to his students. He found them sleep-
ing. He asked Peter, "Were you not strong enough to stay awake
with me for just one hour? 38 Watch and pray for strength
against temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
39 Jesus went away the second time. He prayed, "My Father, if
this must happen and I must drink the cup of suffering, if this is
what You want, let it be."

40 Again Jesus came and found them sleeping. Their eyes
were very tired. 41 He left them again. The third time he prayed
the same prayer. [L] 42 Then an angel from heaven appeared. The
angel was sent to help Jesus. 43 Jesus was full of deep concern; he
struggled hard in prayer. Sweat dripped from his face to the
ground as though he were bleeding.

44 When Jesus finished praying, he went to his students.
They were asleep. (Their sadness had made them very tired.)

[M] 45 Then Jesus came to his students and asked them, "Are
you still sleeping and resting? Listen, the time has come - I am
now being handed over into the hands of sinful men. 46 Get up,

we must go. Look! The one who turned against me is near!"

Priests and elders arrest Jesus.

(Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-52, Luke 22:47-54, John 18:02-11)

[J] *(Gethsemane)* 47 Judas (the one who turned against Jesus) also knew the place. Jesus often met there with his students.

48 Then Judas took a group of soldiers and some temple guards sent by the most important priests and Pharisees. They had torches, lanterns, and weapons.

49 Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to him. He stepped forward and said to them, "For whom are you looking?"

50 They answered him, "Jesus from Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I AM the one." Judas (the one who turned against Jesus) was standing there with them. 51 When Jesus said, "I AM the one", they drew back and fell to the ground.

52 Jesus asked them again, "Whom are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus from Nazareth."

53 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am the one. Since you are looking for me, let these men go free." 54 (Jesus said that to make this come true: "I have not lost one of those You have given me.") [M] 55 Judas had given them the signal to arrest the one he would give the kiss of friendship.

56 Judas went immediately to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Master!" Then Judas gave him the kiss of friendship. [L] 57 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you using the kiss of friendship to betray me?"

[M] 58 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came for!"

Then the men who came with Judas reached out and took hold
of Jesus. 59 Suddenly one of the men with Jesus reached for his
sword and pulled it out. He struck the high priest's slave, cutting
off his ear.

[J] 60 Simon Peter had a sword. He struck the high priest's
slave, cutting off his right ear. (The slave's name was Malchus.)
[L] 61 Jesus answered, "Stop!" Then Jesus touched the slave's ear
and healed him. [J] 62 Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword
back into its place! My Father has given me this cup of suffering.
Shouldn't I drink it?" [M] 63 Then Jesus said, "Put your sword
back in its place! Everyone who uses violence will be violently
destroyed. 64 Don't you think I could call on my Father for help?
He would bring more than twelve legions of angels here! 65 But
how could the Scriptures come true if this did not happen?"

66 At that moment Jesus said this to the crowd: "Why did
you come out here to get me with swords and sticks? Do you
think I am a criminal? I was sitting in the temple courtyard every
day teaching. You did not arrest me there. [K] 67 Jesus asked them,
"Why did you come out here with swords and sticks? Do you
think I am a criminal? [M] 68 All this happened to make the writ-
ings of the prophets come true." Then all of Jesus' students left
him. They ran away. [K] 69 There was a young man who was fol-
lowing Jesus. He was wearing only a linen cloth. Some men
grabbed him too. 70 He left the linen cloth behind and ran away
naked. [J] 71 The commanding officer, his group of soldiers, and
the Jewish temple guards arrested Jesus and tied him up.

72 They brought him first to Annas who was Caiaphas'
father-in-law. Caiaphas was the high priest that year. 73 (He had

advised the Jewish leaders that it would be better for one man to die for all of the people.)

Peter denies Jesus.

(Matthew 26:58, Mark 14:65-68, Luke 22:54-57, John 18:15-18)

[M] *(Temple in Jerusalem)* 74 Simon Peter and another student went along behind Jesus, but the high priest knew the other student. This man went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard. 75 Peter stood outside at the gate. The other student, the one known to the high priest, went outside and told the gatekeeper to let Peter come in.

76 The girl who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are one of this man's students, aren't you?"

Peter answered, "I am not."

77 The slaves and the guards were standing around a fire because it was cold. They were warming themselves. Peter stood with them and warmed himself too.

Soldiers hold Jesus captive.

(John 18:12-14, Matthew 26:57, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 22:63-66)

29 [J] *(Temple in Jerusalem)* 1 The high priest asked Jesus about his students and about his teaching.

2 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken plainly to the world. I always taught where Jewish people gather — in the houses of worship and in the temple courtyard. I have said nothing secretly. 3 Why ask me? Ask those who heard me. Look, they know what I said."

4 When Jesus said this, one of the guards who was standing there struck Jesus with the palm of his hand. This man asked, "Is that the way to answer the high priest?"

5 Jesus answered him, "If I said something wrong, show me
what it was. If it was good, then why did you slap me?" 6 Then
Annas sent Jesus down to Caiaphas.

Peter denies Jesus again.

(Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:68-72, Luke 22:58-62, John 18:25-27, John 18:25-27)

[J] 7 Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. Then
they said to him, "You are one of Jesus' students, aren't you?"
Peter said it was not true.

He said, "I am not!" 8 One of the high priest's slaves said, "I
saw you with Jesus in the garden." (This man was a relative of
Malchus. Peter had cut off Malchus' ear.) [M] 9 Again Peter
denied it. This time he said, "I swear, I don't know the man!"
10 After a little while, the men who were standing there came to
Peter and said, "Surely you are one of Jesus' community! It is
clear that you have a Galilean accent!" 11 Peter began to curse and
swear, "I don't know the man!" Immediately the rooster crowed.
[L] 12 Then the Lord Jesus turned and looked into Peter's eyes.
And Peter remembered what the Lord had said to him: "Before
the rooster crows in the morning, you will say that you don't
even know me three times." 13 Then Peter went outside and cried
bitterly.

Annas sends Jesus to the high priest

(John 18:19-24, Matthew 26:59-68, Matthew 27:01, Mark 12:38-40, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 22:67-71)

[K] 14 They brought Jesus to the high priest. All of the important
priests, the teachers of the law, and the Jewish elders came
together. 15 Peter followed Jesus from a distance. He came as far

as the high priest's courtyard. He was sitting with the servants, warming himself by the fire.

16 The most important priests in the whole Jewish Council wanted to find some men who would give evidence against Jesus so that they could kill him. But they did not find any real proof.

17 Many people were telling lies against Jesus, but their testimony did not match. 18 Some men stood up and told lies against Jesus, 19 "We heard this man say, 'I will destroy this temple sanctuary built by men and build another one in three days — without human hands!'" 20 Their testimony still did not agree.

21 The high priest stood up in the center and asked Jesus, "Aren't you going to answer? What they are saying against you — is it true?" 22 Jesus continued to be silent; he gave no answers. Again the high priest asked Jesus, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" 23 Jesus said, "I am! 'You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right side of God.' 'He will be coming with the clouds of the sky!'"

24 Then the high priest ripped his own clothes. He said, "Why do we need any more witnesses? 25 You heard the evil thing that Jesus just said. How does it look to you?" They all condemned him, saying, "He is guilty! He should be killed!"

[L] 26 Some men were guarding Jesus. They made fun of Jesus then they hit him on the face. 27 They covered his eyes so that he couldn't see them and said, "Prophesy for us! Let God tell you which one of us hit you!" 28 The men were saying many terrible things to Jesus.

29 When morning came, the elders of the people, the most important priests, and the teachers of the law came together.

They led Jesus away to the Jewish Council. 30 They said, "Since
you are the Messiah, tell us that you are!" Jesus said to them, "If
I were to tell you I am the Messiah, you would not believe me.
31 And if I ask you, you won't answer or let me go. 32 But I will
sit at the right side of God's throne — from now on." 33 They all
asked, "Then you are the Son of God?" Jesus said to them, "Yes,
I am." 34 They said, "Why do we need witnesses now? We our-
selves heard it from his own lips!"

Judas changes his mind.

(Matthew 27:03-10, Mark 12:38-40, Mark 14:53-65)

[M] *(Temple in Jerusalem)* 35 Judas, the one who turned against
Jesus, saw that Jesus had been condemned. Judas changed his
mind and brought back the 30 silver coins to the most important
priests and the Jewish elders. 36 He said, "I have done wrong! I
handed over an innocent man to die!" They answered, "We
don't care! That's your problem!"

37 Then Judas threw the silver coins toward the temple sanc-
tuary and left. He went off and killed himself by hanging. 38 The
priests picked up the coins and said, "Since this is blood money,
it would not be right to put this into the treasury." 39 So they
decided to use it to buy a potter's field for burying strangers.
40 Today that field is called Field of Blood. 41 Then what God
had said through Jeremiah the prophet came true: "They took
30 silver coins. This was the value that the sons of Israel put on
him. 42 They used the money to buy the potter's field, as the
Lord God ordered me."

Caiaphas sends Jesus to Pilate.

(Matthew 27:02, Matthew 27:11-14, Mark 15:01-05, Luke 23:01-05, John 18:28-38)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 43 Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to the Roman fortress. It was early in the morning. They didn't go into the fortress. They didn't want to be made unclean or they could not eat the Passover lamb. [M] 44 They tied him up. Then they brought him and handed him over to Pilate, the Governor. [J] 45 So Pilate went outside where they were.

He asked, "What charge are you making against this man?"

46 They answered Pilate, "If he were not a criminal, we would not be giving him to you."

47 Pilate said to them, "You take him and judge him by your own law."

Then the Jewish leaders said to him, "Under Roman law it is not legal for us to execute anyone." 48 (The Jewish leaders said this so that what Jesus said would come true. This was showing what kind of death Jesus was about to suffer.) [L] 49 They began to accuse Jesus. They said, "We caught this man telling things which were confusing our people. He says we should stop paying taxes to Caesar. He calls himself the Messiah, a king."

[J] 50 Pilate went back into the fortress. He called for Jesus and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

51 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own, or did someone else tell you this about me?"

52 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? The leading priests and your own people turned you over to me. What have you done?"

53 Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not come from this
world. If it did, my servants would be fighting to keep me from
being arrested by the Jews. My kingdom is not from here."
54 Pilate said to him, "So then, you are a king!"
Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. The reason I was
born, the reason why I have come into the world, is to give evi-
dence for the truth. Every person who listens to my voice comes
from the truth."
55 Pilate asked, "What is truth?"
After this, Pilate went back out to the Jews. He said to them,
"I find nothing with which to charge this man. [K] 56 There were
many important priests there accusing Jesus. 57 Again, Pilate
asked him, "Won't you say something? Look at how many
charges they are bringing against you!" 58 But Jesus gave no
answers. Pilate was surprised.
[L] 59 Pilate said to the most important priests and to the
crowds, "I find nothing wrong with this man." 60 They said
again and again, "But Jesus is making trouble with the people!
He teaches all over Judea. He began in the Galilee and now he is
here!" 61 Pilate heard this and asked if Jesus were from the
Galilee. 62 Pilate learned that Jesus was under the authority of
Herod Antipas. Herod was in Jerusalem at that time so Pilate
sent Jesus to him.

Pilate sends Jesus to Herod.

(Luke 23:06-12)

[L] *(Jerusalem)* 63 Pilate heard this and asked if Jesus were from the
Galilee. 64 Pilate learned that Jesus was under the authority of
Herod Antipas. Herod was in Jerusalem at that time so Pilate

sent Jesus to him.

65 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. Herod had
heard all about Jesus. For a long time, he had wanted to meet
Jesus. Herod wanted to see a miracle. He was hoping that Jesus
would work one. 66 Herod asked Jesus many questions but Jesus
wouldn't answer him. 67 The important priests and teachers of
the law stood there. They continued to accuse Jesus. They were
very excited.

68 Then Herod and his soldiers laughed at Jesus. They made
fun of him by dressing him in royal clothes. Then Herod sent
Jesus back to Pilate. 69 In the past, Pilate and Herod had always
been enemies, but on that day Herod and Pilate became friends.

Pilate releases Barabbas.

(Matthew 27:15-26, Mark 15:06-15, Luke 23:13-25, John 18:39-40)

[K] *(Jerusalem)* 70 At each Passover Feast, Pilate always set one
prisoner free, the one whom the people wanted. 71 A man named
Barabbas was arrested with some rebels. They had committed
murder during a riot. 72 The crowd came up and began to ask
Pilate to do the same as he always did for them. 73 Pilate
answered them, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews
for you?" 74 (Pilate knew they had turned Jesus over to him
because they were jealous of Jesus.) [M] 75 Then what God had
said through Jeremiah the prophet came true: "They took 30 sil-
ver coins. This was the value that the sons of Israel put on him.

[L] 76 Pilate called everyone together. He called the most
important priests, the leaders, and the people. 77 He said to
them, "You brought this man Jesus to me. You said he was mak-
ing trouble among the people. But listen, I judged him before all

of you. I found nothing wrong with him. Jesus is not guilty of the things you are saying against him. 78 Herod Antipas found nothing wrong with him either; he sent him back to us.

Look, Jesus has done nothing wrong. He shouldn't be killed. 79 So after I give him some punishment, I will let him go free."

80 Now he was required to release one to them at the feast. 81 But all of the people yelled, "Kill him! Set Barabbas free for us!"

[M] 82 The most important priests and the Jewish elders persuaded the crowds to ask Pilate for Barabbas. They wanted to destroy Jesus. 83 The governor asked them, "Which of the two men do you want me to set free?" They answered, "Barabbas!" 84 Pilate asked them, "What should I do with Jesus, the one who is called Messiah?" They all answered, "Nail him to a cross!" 85 But Pilate asked, "Why? What crime has Jesus done?" But they continued yelling even more, "Nail him to a cross!"

86 Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere - only more trouble. He took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. He said, "I am not responsible for this man's death - you are!" 87 The whole crowd answered, "We accept that responsibility for us and for our children!" 88 Then he set Barabbas free for them. After beating Jesus with whips, Pilate handed him over to be nailed to the cross.

Soldiers punish Jesus.

(Matthew 27:27-31, Mark 15:16-20, John 19:01-16, John 19:01-16)

30 [M] *(Jerusalem)* 1 The governor's soldiers took Jesus to the Roman fortress. The whole group gathered

around Jesus. 2 They took off his clothes and dressed him with a
long red robe. 3 They used thorny branches to make a crown.
Then they put it on his head. They put a stick in his right hand.
They kneeled down before him and made fun of him, saying,
"Hail, King of the Jews!" 4 They spit on him. They took the
stick and began to hit him on the head.

[J] 5 Pilate went back out and spoke to them, "Look, I am
bringing him out to you so that you will know that I find noth-
ing wrong with him." 6 Then Jesus came out. He was wearing
the thorny crown and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
"Look at the man!"

7 When the most important priests and the temple guards
saw Jesus, they shouted, "Nail him to a cross! Nail him to a
cross!"

Pilate said to them, "You take him and nail him to a cross! I
find nothing wrong with him."

8 But the Jewish leaders answered him, "We have a law.
According to the law, he must die because he made himself
God's Son!"

9 When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.
10 So Pilate went back into the fortress and asked Jesus, "Where
do you come from?"

Jesus did not give him an answer.

11 Then Pilate said to him, "Aren't you speaking to me?
Surely you must know I have authority to set you free and I have
authority to nail you to a cross!"

12 Jesus answered Pilate, "You have no authority over me at
all unless it has been given to you by God! That is why the peo-

ple who gave me to you have even more guilt."

13 From this time on, Pilate tried hard to set Jesus free. But
the Jewish leaders continued to yell, "If you set this man free,
you are not Caesar's friend! Anyone who makes himself a king is
against Caesar!"

14 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside.
Pilate sat down on the judge's seat. It was at a place called The
Stone Pavement. (In the Aramaic language the name was Gab-
batha.) 15 It was about noon on the day before the Passover.
Pilate said to the Jews, "Look, your King!"

16 They yelled, "Take him away! Take him away! Nail him to
a cross!"

Pilate said to them, "Should I nail your King to a cross?"

The most important priests answered, "The only king we
have is Caesar!"

Soldiers take Jesus outside the city.

(Matthew 27:32-33, Luke 23:26-31, Mark 15:21-23, John 19:17)

[K] *(Jerusalem, Golgotha)* 17 When they finished making fun of
him, they took off the purple robe and dressed him with his own
clothes. Then they led him away to nail him to the cross.
18 There was a man coming into the city from the fields. He was
Simon, from the city of Cyrene. (He was the father of Alexander
and Rufus.) They forced him to carry Jesus' cross.

[L] 19 A very large crowd was following Jesus. Some of the
women were crying and mourning for Jesus. They felt so sorry
for him, 20 but Jesus turned and said to the women, "Women of
Jerusalem, don't cry for me — cry for yourselves and also for
your children! 21 Listen, the time is coming when people will say,

'Happy are the women who cannot have babies! Happy are the
women who have never had children to care for.' 22 Then the
people will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' The peo-
ple will say to the hills, 'Cover us!'

23 If people do things like this now when life is good, what
will happen when bad times come?"

24 There were also two criminals led out with Jesus.

Soldiers nail Jesus on the cross.

(Matthew 27:34-44, Mark 15:24-32, Luke 23:32-38, John 19:18-27)

[M] *(Golgotha)* 25 They came to a place called Golgotha. (This
means 'The Place of the Skull'.) 26 They gave Jesus some wine.
(A drug for pain was mixed with it.) When he had tasted it, he
refused to drink it. 27 Then they nailed him to the cross. The sol-
diers gambled to see who would get Jesus' clothes. [L] 28 Jesus and
the two criminals were led to a place where they would be killed.
The people called this place "The Skull". There some men nailed
Jesus to his cross. They also nailed the criminals to their crosses;
Jesus' cross was between the crosses of the two criminals.

29 Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people. They don't know
what they are doing." The soldiers gambled to see who would
get Jesus' clothes.

[J] 30 Pilate made a sign and put it on Jesus' cross. It read:
JESUS FROM NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.
31 Many Jewish people read this sign. This place was near the city
of Jerusalem. The sign was written in Aramaic, Latin, and
Greek.

32 The most important Jewish priests kept saying to Pilate,
"Don't write, 'The King of the Jews'! Instead, you should write,

'This man said, "I am the King of the Jews."'"

33 Pilate answered, "What I have written stays written!"

34 After the soldiers had nailed Jesus to the cross, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts — one for each soldier — but the robe remained in one piece. This robe was seamless, completely made of one piece of woven cloth. 35 They said to one another, "Let's not tear it. Let's gamble for it, to see who will get it!" This happened to make this Scripture come true: "They divided my clothes among them. They gambled for my clothing." That is what the soldiers did.

36 Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary from the town of Magdala, stood near the cross.

[M] 37 The people who were passing by shook their heads and said terrible things to Jesus. 38 They said, "You are the one who was going to destroy the temple sanctuary and build it again in three days! Since you are the Son of God, save yourself! Come down from the cross!" 39 In the same way the most important priests, the teachers of the law, and the Jewish elders made fun of Jesus. They continued to say, 40 "He saved other people but he cannot save himself! He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now! Then we will believe in him! 41 He trusts in God; let God rescue him now if He wants him. Jesus did say, 'I am the Son of God.'" [K] 42 He is the King of Israel, the Messiah; let him come down from the cross now so that we can see and believe." Even the men who were nailed to the other crosses were insulting Jesus. [L] 43 Even the soldiers made fun of him. They came to Jesus and offered him some sour wine. 44 The soldiers

said, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

The criminals with Jesus.

(Luke 23:39-43)

[L] *(Golgotha)* 45 One of the criminals who was hanging there
began to say awful things to Jesus: "Aren't you the Messiah?
Then save yourself! And save us too!" 46 But the other criminal
stopped him. He said, "You should fear God! All of us are about
to die! 47 You and I are guilty; we should be killed because we did
wrong. But this man Jesus has done nothing wrong!" 48 Then he
said to Jesus, "Jesus, Lord, remember me when you come into
your kingdom!" 49 Then Jesus said to him, "I am telling you the
truth: today you will be with me in Paradise!"

[J] 50 Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of
Clopas, and Mary from the town of Magdala, stood near the
cross. 51 Jesus saw his mother and the student to whom he had
given himself, for his good, expecting nothing in return, stand-
ing there. He said to his mother, "Woman, look at your son."
52 Then Jesus said to that student, "Look at your mother." From
that moment on that student took her into his home.

Jesus dies.

(Matthew 27:45-56, Mark 15:33-41, Luke 23:44-49, John 19:28-30)

[M] *(Golgotha)* 53 There was darkness over the whole land from
noon until three o'clock in the afternoon. 54 At about three
o'clock, Jesus shouted this loudly: "Eloi, Eloi, lama
sabachthani?" (This means: "My God, my God, why did you
abandon me?") 55 Some of the men standing there heard this.
They said, "This man is calling for Elijah." 56 One of them
quickly ran and got a sponge. He soaked it in some sour wine.

Then he put it on the end of a long stick and gave Jesus a drink.
57 The other men said, "Leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah will
come and save him!"

[J] 58 After this, when Jesus knew that everything was finished, he said this to make the Scripture come true: "I am
thirsty." 59 There was a jar full of sour wine nearby. So they
soaked a sponge in it and put it on a long stick. Then they
brought this to Jesus' mouth. 60 After Jesus drank some of it, he
said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and died.

[L] 61 Jesus shouted, "Father, I put my spirit into Your
hands." After Jesus said this, he died. [K] 62 There was a Roman
army officer standing there in front of Jesus. When he saw the
way Jesus died, he said, "This man really was God's Son!"

[M] 63 The curtain in the temple sanctuary was split into two
parts - from the top to the bottom. The earth shook. Large rocks
broke apart. 64 (Tombs were opened. After Jesus rose from the
grave, many saints who had died were raised from death too.
65 They left their tombs and went into Jerusalem and appeared
to many people.) 66 There was a Roman army officer and some
of his men guarding Jesus. When they saw the earthquake and
the other things that happened, they were very frightened. They
said, "This man really was God's Son."

67 There were many women there. They had helped Jesus
and followed him from the Galilee. They were far away, watching. 68 Some of them were: Mary (from the town of Magdala),
Mary (the mother of Jacob and Joseph), the mother of the sons
of Zebedee.

[J] 69 The Jewish leaders did not want the bodies to stay on

the crosses during the Sabbath. This Sabbath was a very high holy one. So since it was the Preparation Day, they asked Pilate to hurry their death by breaking their legs. Then they could carry them away. Pilate allowed it. 70 The soldiers came to the first man and broke his legs, and then to the other man who had been nailed to a cross too. 71 But when they came to Jesus, they saw that Jesus was already dead. They did not break his legs 72 but one of the soldiers did plunge his spear into Jesus' side. Immediately, blood and water flowed out.

73 The person who saw it has given proof. His testimony is true. He knows he is speaking the truth. You can believe too. 74 These things happened to make this Scripture come true: "Not one of his bones will be broken." 75 Another Scripture says, "They will look upon the one they wounded."

Joseph buries Jesus.

(Matthew 27:57-66, Mark 15:41-47, Luke 23:50-56, Luke 24:01, John 19:31-42)

[K] *(Jerusalem)* 76 These women always followed Jesus and helped him while he was in the Galilee. Many women had come up to Jerusalem with Jesus.

[J] 77 After this, Joseph, a man from the town of Arimathea, asked Pilate if he could take Jesus' body away. Joseph was a secret student of Jesus because he was afraid of the Jewish leaders. Pilate allowed Joseph to do this. Then Joseph came and took Jesus' body away.

[K] 78 Pilate was surprised that Jesus had already died. He called for the army officer to ask him whether Jesus had been dead for a long time. 79 When Pilate found out from the officer

that Jesus was dead, he gave the body to Joseph. [J] 80 Nicodemus
came too. (Earlier he had come to Jesus at night.) He mixed
myrrh and aloes together and brought about 34 kilograms of it.
81 The two men took Jesus' body and wrapped it in sheets with
the sweet-smelling spices. (This is the way Jews bury their dead.)

82 The place where Jesus was nailed to the cross was next to a
garden. The garden had a new tomb in it. No one had been put
there yet. 83 There was not much time — it was the Preparation
Day. So because the tomb was near, they placed Jesus in it.

[L] 84 The women who had come from the Galilee with Jesus
followed Joseph. They saw the tomb. Inside they saw where the
body of Jesus was placed. 85 Then the women left to prepare
some sweet-smelling spices to put on Jesus' body. They rested on
the Sabbath day, according to God's command.

[M] 86 That day was called Preparation Day. The next day the
most important priests and the Pharisees had a meeting with
Pilate. 87 They said, "Sir, we remember what that liar said while
he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from death.' 88 So
give an order to make the grave secure until the third day. Other-
wise, his students might come, steal him, and tell the people:
'Jesus came back to life!' Then this last lie will be even worse
than the first lie." 89 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go
and make it as secure as you know how." 90 So they went and
sealed the grave. They put a seal on the stone and they stationed
a guard.

Reports about the beginning of the Jesus Movement.

Women visit the grave.

(Matthew 28:01-10, Mark 16:01-11, Luke 24:02-12, John 20:01-18)

31 [K] *(outside Jerusalem)* 1 When the Sabbath day had passed, Mary (the one from Magdala), Mary (the mother of Jacob), and Salome bought some sweet-smelling spices. They wanted to rub this on Jesus' body. [M] 2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. He went to the large stone and rolled it away. Then the angel sat on top of it. 3 His appearance was shining like lightning. His clothes were as white as snow. [K] 4 It was now very early on the first day of the week. As the sun was coming up, they were going to the tomb, 5 saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us at the doorway of the tomb?" 6 (The stone was very large.) But they looked up and saw that the stone was already rolled away! [J] 7 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter and the other student whom Jesus loved. She said to them, "They have taken away the Lord Jesus from the tomb! We don't know where they put him!"

[K] 8 They walked into the tomb. They saw an angel sitting on the right side. He was wearing a long, white robe. They were stunned. [L] 9 They went in but they didn't find the Lord Jesus' body.

10 While they were wondering about it, suddenly two angels stood beside them in shining clothes. [K] 11 But the angel said to

them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus from
Nazareth, who was nailed to the cross. He is not here. He has
risen from death! Look at the place where they put him! [L]
12 The women were frightened; they bowed their heads down to
the ground. The two men said to the women, "Why are you
looking here for a living person? This is a place for dead people!
13 Jesus is not here. He has risen from death! Do you remember
what he said in the Galilee? 14 Jesus said that he must be handed
over to evil men, be killed on a cross, and rise from death on the
third day." [K] 15 Now go tell his students that he will go ahead of
you to the Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you. Tell
Peter too."

[M] 16 The women left the tomb quickly. They were afraid,
yet very happy. They ran to tell Jesus' students.

[K] 17 The women left the tomb. They ran away. They were
trembling. They were shocked. They didn't say anything to any-
one because they were afraid.

[J] 18 Then Peter and the other student left. They went to the
tomb.

[L] 19 Very early on the first day of the week, the women came
to the tomb. They brought the sweet-smelling things they had
prepared. 20 But the women found that the rock was rolled away
from the tomb. 21 They went in but they didn't find the Lord
Jesus' body.

22 While they were wondering about it, suddenly two angels
stood beside them in shining clothes. 23 The women were fright-
ened; they bowed their heads down to the ground. The two men
said to the women, "Why are you looking here for a living per-

son? This is a place for dead people! 24 Jesus is not here. He has
risen from death! Do you remember what he said in the Galilee?
25 Jesus said that he must be handed over to evil men, be killed
on a cross, and rise from death on the third day." 26 Then the
women remembered Jesus' words.

27 The women left the tomb and went to the eleven delegates
and the other students. The women told them everything which
had occurred at the tomb. 28 The women were: Mary of Mag-
dala, Joanna, Mary, the mother of Jacob, and some other
women. These women told the delegates everything that had
happened 29 but the men didn't believe what the women said. It
sounded crazy. [J] 30 Both of them were running but the other
student outran Peter. He arrived at the tomb first. 31 He bent
down and saw the sheets but he did not go inside. 32 Then
Simon Peter came, following. Peter went into the tomb; he also
saw the sheets lying there. 33 But the handkerchief, which had
been on Jesus' face, was not lying with the sheets. Instead, it was
all alone, folded in one place.

34 Then the other student, who had come to the tomb first,
also went in. He saw and he believed. 35 (They did not yet clearly
know the Scripture which said that Jesus must rise from death.)
36 The two students went back home.

37 Mary was standing outside the tomb, crying while she was
praying. She bent down and looked into the tomb. 38 She saw
two angels dressed in white. They were seated where Jesus' body
had been lying — one at the head and one at the foot.

39 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"
answered them, "They took my Lord away. I don't know where

they put him." 40 After she said this, she turned around. She saw Jesus standing there but she didn't know that it was Jesus.

41 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

that Jesus was the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you put him and I will take him away."

42 Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to Jesus in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (This word means 'My Teacher!')

43 Jesus said to her, "Don't cling to me; I have not yet gone up to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them this: 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and to your God.'" [M] 44 Suddenly, Jesus met them. He gave them his greetings! They went to him, held onto his feet, and worshipped him. 45 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go tell my brothers that they must leave for the Galilee. They will see me there."

[J] 46 Mary (the one from Magdala) went and told the students, "I have seen the Lord Jesus!" She told them that he had talked to her. [K] 47 When they heard that Jesus was alive and that he had been seen by Mary, they didn't believe it.

The guards tell the priests.

(Matthew 28:11-15)

[M] *(Jerusalem)* 49 While the women were going, some of the guards went into Jerusalem. They told the most important priests everything which had happened. 50 The priests had a meeting with the Jewish elders. They decided to give the soldiers some money to lie. 51 They said to the soldiers, "Say this: 'While we were sleeping, the students of Jesus came at night and stole

his body.' 52 If the governor hears about this, we will make him
believe us. We will fix it; don't worry." 53 So the soldiers took the
money and did as they were told. This rumor has spread among
Jewish people until this very day.

Jesus appears near Emmaus.

(Luke 24:13-35, Mark 16:12-13)

[L] *(Road to Emmaus)* 54 That same day, two of Jesus' students
were going to a village named Emmaus. (It was almost 11 kilome-
ters from Jerusalem.) 55 They were talking about everything
which had happened. 56 While they were discussing these things,
Jesus himself came near and walked along with them. 57 (But the
two men were not allowed to recognize Jesus.) 58 Jesus walked
with them for a while. Then he said, "What are these things you
are talking about as you walk?" They stood still. Their faces
looked very sad. 59 The one named Cleopas answered, "You must
be the only man in Jerusalem who doesn't know what has just
happened there!" 60 Jesus asked them, "What are you talking
about?" The men said to him, "It is about Jesus, the one from
Nazareth. He was a prophet from God to all the people. He said
and did many powerful things. 61 Our leaders and important
priests gave him away to be judged and killed. They nailed Jesus
to a cross, 62 but we were hoping that Jesus was about to bring
safety from danger to Israel. Besides all this, it has been three
days since this happened. 63 And today some of our women told
us some amazing things. Early this morning the women went to
the tomb 64 but they didn't find Jesus' body there. They came
and told us that, in a vision, they had seen two angels. The angels
said that Jesus was alive! 65 Some of our group also went to the

tomb. They found that it was just as the women had said, but none of us saw him."

66 Then Jesus said to the two men, "You are foolish and slow
to realize what is true. You should believe everything the
prophets said: 67 the Messiah must suffer these things before he
enters his glory." 68 Then Jesus began to explain everything
which had been written in the Scriptures about him. Jesus
started with the books of Moses and then he talked about what
the prophets had written about him. 69 They came near the vil-
lage of Emmaus, their destination, and Jesus acted as though he
didn't plan to stop there. 70 They begged him, "Stay with us. It is
late; it is almost night." So he went in to stay with them. 71 Jesus
sat down with them and took some bread. He gave thanks for
the food and broke off some of it. Then he gave it to them. 72 At
that time the men were allowed to recognize Jesus. They saw
who he really was, but he disappeared. 73 They said to each
other, "While Jesus was talking to us on the road, it felt like a fire
burning in us when he explained the true meaning of the Scrip-
tures."

Jesus appears to the delegates.

(Luke 24:36-49, John 20:19-23, Mark 16:14)

32 [L] *(Jerusalem)* 1 During that same hour they got up
and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the stu-
dents of Jesus meeting together. 2 The eleven delegates and those
people who were with them said, "The Lord Jesus has actually
come back to life! He appeared to Simon Peter."

3 Then the two men gave a report about the things which
had happened on the road. They talked about how they recog-

nized Jesus when he broke off some of the bread.

4 While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood
among them. He said to them, "Peace to you." 5 They began to
be filled with fear. They were terrified. They thought they were
seeing a ghost. 6 But Jesus asked, "Why are you disturbed? Why
do you doubt what you see? 7 Look at my hands and my feet. It
is really I! Touch me. You can see that I have a living body; a
ghost doesn't have a body like this."

8 After Jesus told them this, he showed them the holes in his
hands and feet. 9 They were amazed and very, very happy to see
that he was alive. They still couldn't believe it, so Jesus asked
them, "Do you have any food here?" 10 They gave him a piece of
cooked fish. 11 While they watched, Jesus took it and ate it.

12 Jesus said to them, "Do you remember when I was with
you before? I said that everything written about me must come
true — everything written in the law of Moses, the books of the
prophets, and the Psalms." 13 Then Jesus explained the Scrip-
tures. He opened their minds so they could understand the
things which had been written about him. 14 Then Jesus said to
them, "It is written that the Messiah would be killed and come
back to life on the third day. 15 Go and tell all nations that their
sins can be forgiven. Tell them that they must change their
hearts. You must start from Jerusalem and teach these things
with my authority. 16 You must report all you saw happen.

17 Listen, I am sending my Father's promise upon you but
you must stay in Jerusalem until you are clothed with that power
from heaven." [J] 18 After Jesus said this, he showed them his
hands and his side. When the students saw the Lord Jesus, they

were happy. 19 Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you. I am sending you just as the Father has sent me."

20 After Jesus said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 21 If you say some people are forgiven, then they are forgiven. But if you say that the sins of some people are not forgiven, then they are not forgiven."

Jesus appears to Thomas.

(John 20:24-29)

[J] *(Jerusalem)* 22 Thomas, (the one called The Twin) was one of the twelve students. He was not with them when Jesus came. 23 The other students continued to tell him, "We have seen the Lord Jesus!"

Thomas said to them, "I will never believe it unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands, unless I put my finger into the marks of the nails, unless I put my hand into his side!"

24 A week later, Jesus' students were inside again. Thomas was with them too. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood in the middle of them and said, "Peace to you."

25 Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Look at my hands! Put your finger here. Bring your hand here and put it in my side. Stop doubting and start believing!"

26 Thomas answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

27 Jesus said to him, "You have believed because you have seen me. The blessed ones are those who have not seen me and yet who believe."

Jesus appears at the lake.

(John 21:01-14)

[J] *(Galilee)* 28 Later Jesus showed himself again to the students at

Lake Tiberias. This is the way he showed himself:

29 Simon Peter, Thomas (the one called The Twin),
Nathanael (the one from the town of Cana in the Galilee), the
sons of Zebedee, and two more students were all together.

30 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."
said to him, "We are coming with you." They went out and got
into a boat. They caught nothing that night.

31 It was now early in the morning. Jesus stood on the shore,
but the students didn't know that it was Jesus. 32 Jesus said to
them, "Young men, you haven't caught anything, have you?"

They answered, "That's right." 33 Jesus said to them,
"Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find
some fish."

They did so. There were so many fish that they were no
longer able to pull the net into the boat. 34 Then the student to
whom Jesus gave himself, for his good, said to Peter, "That is the
Lord Jesus!" When Simon Peter heard this, he put on his clothes
(he was stripped) and he jumped into the lake. 35 They were near
the shore, about 90 meters away. The other students came in the
boat, dragging the net full of fish.

36 When they got to shore, they saw hot coals with some fish
and bread cooking on them. 37 Jesus said to them, "Bring some
of the fish you just caught." 38 Simon Peter got into the boat and
dragged the net to shore. The net was full of big fish — 153 of
them! As large as they were, the net was still not torn.

39 Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast!" None of the
students dared to ask Jesus, "Who are you?" They knew that he
was the Lord. 40 Jesus went and got some bread and fish. He gave

it to them. 41 This was now the third time that Jesus showed
himself to the students after he was raised from death.

Jesus and Peter.

(John 21:15-23)

[J] *(Galilee)* 42 After they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon
Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you give yourself to me, for my
good, expecting nothing in return, more than these?"

Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

43 Jesus asked Peter the second time, "Simon, son of John, do
you give yourself to me, for my good, expecting nothing in
return?"

Peter said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Be a shepherd to my sheep." 44 Jesus
asked him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad, because the third time Jesus asked, "Do you
love me?"

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, you know everything. You know
that I love you!"

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

45 "I am telling you the truth, Peter, when you were young,
you tied your own belt and you walked where you wanted to go.
But when you get old, you will stretch out your hands and some-
one else will tie you. They will carry you where you don't want
to go." 46 (Jesus said this to show what kind of death would be
used for Peter to bring glory to God.) After Jesus said this, he
said to Peter, "Follow me!"

47 Peter turned and saw the student coming behind them.

(This was the man to whom Jesus gave himself, for his good,
expecting nothing in return, the one who had been sitting at the
table very close to Jesus who asked, "Lord, who is the one who is
turning against you?") 48 When Peter saw this man, he said to
Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

49 Jesus said to him, "If I want him to stay until I come, what
business is it of yours? You follow me!"

50 So this rumor went out to the brothers: "That student
will not die." But Jesus did not say to him that he would not die.
Jesus said, "If I want him to stay until I come, what business is it
of yours?"

Jesus appears on a mountain.
(Matthew 28:16-18)

[M] *(Galilee)* 51 The eleven students went to a hillside in the
Galilee where Jesus had told them to meet him. 52 When they
saw him, they worshipped him, but some had doubts. 53 Jesus
came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has
been given to me.

Jesus tells the delegates to spread the Good News.
(Mark 16:15-18, Matthew 28:16-18)

[K] *(Jerusalem)* 54 Jesus said to them, "When you have gone into
the whole world, preach the Good News to all mankind. 55 The
person who believes the Good News and is immersed will be
saved, but the person who doesn't believe it will be condemned.
56 These miracles will go with the ones believing: they will use
my name to throw out demons. They will speak languages
which are new to them. 57 They could hold snakes. If they drink
poison, it won't hurt them. They will put their hands on sick

people and the sick people will become well." [M] 58 Therefore when you've gone out, make students for me from all nations. Immerse them by the authority of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 59 Teach them to obey everything I commanded you. Remember, I will always be with you - even until the end of time!" [P] 60 Then he appeared to more than 500 brothers at the same time. Most of these people are still alive today, but some of them have already died. 61 Christ appeared to Jacob, and then to all the delegates.

[L] 62 Once, when he was together with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem. He said, "Wait here for the Father's promise that you heard me talk about. 63 John immersed people in water but in a few days you will be immersed in the Holy Spirit." 64 The delegates were all together. They asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time for you to rebuild the kingdom for Israel?" 65 Jesus said to them, "The Father is the only One who has the authority to decide such dates and times. It is not for you to know these things. 66 However, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive power. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the world."

Jesus ascends to heaven.

(Luke 24:50-53, Mark 16:19-20, Acts 1:10-11)

[L] *(Bethany)* 67 Jesus led them out of Jerusalem, almost to the town of Bethany. He raised his hands and blessed them. 68 While Jesus was blessing them, he was separated from them and carried up into heaven. [L] 69 As Jesus was going away, the delegates were staring into the sky. Suddenly, two angels stood beside them.

They were dressed in white clothes. 70 The two angels said,
"Men from the Galilee, why are you standing here looking into
the sky? This Jesus, who was carried away from you into heaven,
will return in the same way that you saw him go."

[K] 71 After the Lord Jesus talked with them, he was lifted up
into the sky. He sat down at God's right side. 72 They left and
preached everywhere. And miracles went with them. The Lord
used these miracles to prove that the message was true. He was
working with them. Amen.

Notes about the ancestors of Jesus

Ancestry of Jesus through Joseph.
(Matthew 1:01-17)

33 [M] 1 This is the record of the family names of Jesus
Christ, a descendant of David, a descendant of Abraham:

2 Abraham fathered Isaac; Isaac fathered Jacob; Jacob
fathered Judah and his brothers; 3 Judah fathered Perez and
Zerah by Tamar; Perez fathered Hezron; Hezron fathered Ram;
4 Ram fathered Amminadab; Amminadab fathered Nahshon;
Nahshon fathered Salmon; 5 Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab;
Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth; Obed fathered Jesse; 6 Jesse
fathered David, the king; David fathered Solomon by the wife of
Uriah; 7 Solomon fathered Rehoboam; Rehoboam fathered Abijah; Abijah fathered Asa; 8 Asa fathered Jehoshaphat;
Jehoshaphat fathered Jehoram; Jehoram fathered Uzziah;
9 Uzziah fathered Jotham; Jotham fathered Ahaz; Ahaz fathered
Hezekiah; 10 Hezekiah fathered Manasseh; Manasseh fathered
Amon; Amon fathered Josiah; 11 Josiah fathered Jehoiachin and
his brothers when Israel was carried away to Babylon.

12 After Israel was carried away to Babylon, Jehoiachin
fathered Shealtiel; Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel; 13 Zerubbabel
fathered Abiud; Abiud fathered Eliakim; Eliakim fathered Azor;
14 Azor fathered Zadok; Zadok fathered Achim; Achim fathered
Eliud; 15 Eliud fathered Eleazar; Eleazar fathered Matthan;
Matthan fathered Jacob; 16 Jacob fathered Joseph, Mary's husband; Mary gave birth to Jesus, the one called the Messiah.

17 There was a total of 14 generations from the time of Abraham until David's time. There were 14 generations from the time of David until Israel was carried away to Babylon. And there were 14 generations from the time when Israel was carried away to Babylon until the time of the Messiah.

Ancestry of Jesus through Mary.
(Luke 3:23-38)

[L] 18 Jesus was about 30 years old when he began to teach.

People thought that Jesus was Joseph's son. Joseph was Eli's son; 19 Eli was Matthat's son; Matthat was Levi's son; Levi was Melchi's son; Melchi was Jannai's son; Jannai was Joseph's son; 20 Joseph was Mattathias' son; Mattathias was Amos' son; Amos was Nahum's son; Nahum was Esli's son; Esli was Naggai's son; 21 Naggai was Maath's son; Maath was Mattathias' son; Mattathias was Semein's son; Semein was Josech's son; Josech was Joda's son; 22 Joda was Joanan's son; Joanan was Rhesa's son; Rhesa was Zerubbabel's son; Zerubbabel was Shealtiel's son; Shealtiel was Neri's son; 23 Neri was Melchi's son; Melchi was Addi's son; Addi was Cosam's son; Cosam was Elmadam's son; Elmadam was Er's son; 24 Er was Joshua's son; Joshua was Eliezer's son; Eliezer was Jorim's son; Jorim was Matthat's son; Matthat was Levi's son; 25 Levi was Simeon's son; Simeon was Judah's son; Judah was Joseph's son; Joseph was Jonam's son; Jonam was Eliakim's son; 26 Eliakim was Melea's son; Melea was Menna's son; Menna was Mattatha's son; Mattatha was Nathan's son; Nathan was David's son; 27 David was Jesse's son; Jesse was Obed's son; Obed was Boaz' son; Boaz was Salmon's son; Salmon was Nahshon's son; 28 Nahshon was Amminadab's

son; Amminadab was Admin's son; Admin was Arni's son; Arni
was Hezron's son; Hezron was Perez' son; Perez was Judah's son;
29 Judah was Jacob's son; Jacob was Isaac's son; Isaac was Abra-
ham's son; Abraham was Terah's son; Terah was Nahor's son;
30 Nahor was Serug's son; Serug was Reu's son; Reu was Peleg's
son; Peleg was Eber's son; Eber was Shelah's son; 31 Shelah was
Cainan's son; Cainan was Arphaxad's son; Arphaxad was
Shem's son; Shem was Noah's son; Noah was Lamech's son;
32 Lamech was Methuselah's son; Methuselah was Enoch's son;
Enoch was Jared's son; Jared was Mahalaleel's son; Mahalaleel
was Cainan's son; 33 Cainan was Enos' son; Enos was Seth's son;
Seth was Adam's son; Adam was God's son.